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THANKSGIVING

Sunday 1 June



This week is Volunteers Week 2025. Parish Mission Support invites us to pray for Volunteer Sunday:

Loving God, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the selfless service of our volunteers. Thank you for the time, talent, and energy that they dedicate to serving others and building your Kingdom. We pray that you bless them abundantly and guide their hands and hearts as they serve. May they experience the joy of knowing they are making a difference in the lives of others. We cheer them on and pray for them in all that they do in your name. Amen

MON 2

June is Pride month, Barrie Scott, LGBT+ Chaplaincy Support Team, invites us to pray,

Dear God, bless all involved in Birmingham Pride. We thank you for the rich diversity of creation. We pray for those who are hurt. May your church continue to be enriched by the ministries and presence of all LGBTQ+ individuals. Grant us grace to love as you have loved us. Amen



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TUE 3

This week is UK Clothing Poverty Awareness Week, Dear Creator, grant us the wisdom to challenge waste and compassion to ensure every person is clothed with dignity. May we hold brands accountable and uplift the workers in the supply chain, many of whom are in poverty themselves. Amen

WED 4

International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression,

Loving God, we pray for a world free from violence against children, where every child can play, go to school, be healthy, make friends, feel empowered and have their voice heard. A world where children feel loved and are safe from harm.

Let us provide support for children who have experienced violence, to ensure that they are cared for, loved and protected. Amen

THU 5

Today is World Environment Day, John Nightingale, Footsteps, invites us to pray,

Thank you, Lord, for the life of Pope Francis, his love for creation and warnings about its neglect. We now pray for Pope Leo, and in particular that he may continue his campaign to preserve the Amazon, its forests and its peoples. Amen

FRI 6

This week is The Great Big Green Week, 7-15 June,



Holy Spirit, inspire people to take part in the Churches Count on Nature, recording wildlife in churchyards and promoting biodiversity. Amen

SAT 7

Prayer today is inspired by The Big Lunch 2025, Loving God, bless all who are gathering for The Big Lunch with joy and friendship. May we deepen our connections, share laughter, and celebrate our community. Thank you for the gift of togetherness and the joy of sharing meals. Amen

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THANKSGIVING

Sunday 8 June

*Pentecost (Whit Sunday)
The Collect of the Day*

God, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen



MON 9

9-15 June is Carers Week and Loneliness Awareness Week,

Prayer today is inspired by Isaiah 41:10,

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

TUE 10

Prayer today is for the Bishop's Retreat 2025, Abiding in Christ,

Heavenly Father, bless the clergy retreat, guiding all to gather, pray, and listen deeply to you. Strengthen and support our clergy in their spiritual journey. Amen



ABIDING IN CHRIST
BISHOP'S RETREAT 2025

WED 11

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

Almighty God, bless the new initiative in Southern Malawi for building some town houses, providing sustainable rental income for parishes. Amen



THU 12

World Day Against Child Labour, Dear Lord, we pray for children trapped in labour, seeking rescue and reunion with their families. Provide for their physical needs, grant them nourishment, and protect them from harm. May they find love, healing, and hope in your embrace. Amen

FRI 13

Growing Gifts



We pray the Growing Gifts Prayer for all who are locally authorised to lead worship or preach on an occasional basis:

Gracious and Holy God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit. Lead us in your Light, and guide us by your Grace. Open our hearts to your Wisdom, and nourish us with your Goodness. May our words and lives proclaim you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SAT 14

Prayer today is from the Children and Families Mission Enabler for the Deanery of Kings Norton, Mosley & Shirley,



Dear Lord, inspire the hearts of children and families across the Kings Norton, Moseley, and Shirley deanery to embrace new activities, fostering joy, connection, and growth within our community. Amen

THANKSGIVING

Sunday 15 June

Father's Day, For all fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers, and father-like figures in our lives, may God bless them abundantly. For all the fathers who have passed, may we hold them in our memory and in our hearts. Amen



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MON 16



Prayer today is for the Commissioned Pastoral Team Away Day,

Heavenly Father, bless our CofEB Pastoral Team as they gather today. Grant them wisdom, unity, and inspiration to serve our community with love and compassion. Guide their discussions and fill hearts with your peace. Amen

TUE 17

This week is Learning Disability Week 2025,

Dear Heavenly Father, we lift all those living with disabilities to your loving care. Grant them strength and courage to face their unique challenges. Help them find empowerment through their faith and inner strength, knowing that they are fearfully and wonderfully made. Amen

WED 18

Heavenly Creator, grant us wisdom and unity as we embrace stewardship of your creation. Empower CofE Birmingham to prioritize care for our planet and commit to reducing carbon emissions, fostering a sustainable future for all. Amen



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THU 19



Feast of Corpus Christi
The Collect of the Day,

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament you have given us the memorial of your passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruits of your redemption; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

FRI 20



The Children and Families Mission
Enabler for the Deanery of Yardley & Solihull, invites us to pray,

Heavenly Father, guide us as we seek to welcome new children and families into our worshipping communities. Inspire our efforts in the Yardley and Solihull CFM workplan, that we may create meaningful pathways for discipleship and connection. Amen



SAT 21



Dear God, bless the Safe Spaces clusters in CofEB

as they grow and strengthen relationships among young people. Grant them support, understanding, and safety, nurturing an environment where they can thrive and uplift one another. Amen



THANKSGIVING

Sunday 22 June



The Parish of St Matthew with St Chad invites us to pray,

We thank God for all who have come to faith, all those who have committed themselves to serve in the world and dedicated themselves to the service of the Church through Jesus. Amen



MON 23



Today is Public Service Day 2025,

Holy God, we thank you for the men and women who have committed their lives to serving the public. Their roles are vital, their responsibilities are great and we appreciate them all. Amen

TUE 24



This week is Deafblind Awareness Week 2025,

Loving God, guide us to understand and support those with sight and hearing challenges. Inspire inclusion, compassion, and hope for a brighter, accessible future for all young lives. Amen

WED 25



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

Dear Lord, we pray for the volunteer team at Big J's Café, guiding them to embrace their mission wholeheartedly. May this new worshipping community thrive and become self-sustainable, fostering faith and connection in The Whitacres, Lea Marston, and Shustoke. Amen



THU 26



Today is International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking and International Day in Support of Victims of Torture,

Heavenly Father, comfort and heal all victims of torture, grant strength to their families, and inspire global justice and compassion. May peace and dignity prevail for all. Amen

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FRI 27



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

Lord God of everyday life, we need so many things. We need food and clothing. We need things for our homes and our cars. We need toys and entertainment. We thank you for the people who work in shops, supermarkets and market stalls, who stock and serve for us when we shop in person. We thank you for the people who pick and deliver when we shop online. May we express out gratitude to them more often. Amen

SAT 28



Today is the Flex Conference,

Loving Lord, We ask for your blessing on all those gathering for the Flex Conference today. Inspire and guide them as they explore discipleship with children and young people through seminars, keynote addresses, and meaningful conversations. May this time be enriching and nourishing, filled with wisdom, encouragement, and shared learning. We pray that volunteers, paid workers, and experts from across the diocese will delight in listening, reflecting, and exchanging ideas. Amen



THANKSGIVING

Sunday 29 June



The Parish of St Matthew with St Chad invite us to pray,

Give praise to God for all of the good things in life and give thanks to God for his help during difficult and stressful times.

MON 30



Revd Canon Catherine Grylls invites us to pray,

We give thanks for the abundance of gifts that God has given to the Church, and we pray that we may encourage one another to recognise those gifts and offer them in the service of the Church and the Kingdom. We give thanks for and pray with all who share in leading worship or preaching, and particularly for those who do so in new or emerging worshipping communities.

