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WED 1

Most Loving God, thank you that you remain constant with us through out all the changing scenes of life. Help us to trust you in times of joy and in sorrow. Be our shepherd in the darkness and in the light, so that we might be living beacons of hope for others. In Jesus' Name, Amen

THU 2

Mark Pryce, Director of Ministry, invites us to pray for Bishop's Study Day, taking place this morning, Lord Jesus Christ, Word of the Father and Source of all wisdom, We give you thanks for all theologians, scholars and teachers, and pray especially today for our lay and ordained ministers as they study the Scriptures together. Give them the light of your Holy Spirit, that they may see you more clearly, and bring out from the treasury of your Kingdom, insights new and old, for the good of your church and your world. Amen

From Sunday 5th March, there is a Lent reflection from Bishop Anne on our CofEB YouTube channel. The transcript will be available via the March Bulletin.

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FRI 3

Loving God, we call out to you for those affected by recent earthquakes. Lord, draw close to those who are injured and grant them healing. Comfort families who have lost loved ones and bring them consolation. Bless and protect the efforts of those responding. In each of us, Lord, inspire compassionate, loving action for our human family. Amen

SAT 4

Revd Mandy Harris, St Barnabas, Kingshurst invites us to pray with this short film which you can watch on our CofEB YouTube channel. As the builders' hoardings surround our church and neighbouring Seeds of Hope community project we pray for the flourishing of God's kingdom here in Kingshurst. Amen

THANKSGIVING

Sunday 5 March

Lucille Arlidge, St Matthew with St Chad, Smethwick invites us to pray, Thank you for the gift of the season of Lent when we could shine as your lights in the world as the followers of Jesus and share the message with in the world. May all who saw or heard the wondrous tale of your incarnation be inspired to follow Christ. Amen

MON 6

Loving God, reach out to those who experience mental illness. Lift their burdens, calm their anxiety, and quiet their fears. Surround them with your healing presence that they may know that they are not alone. Amen

TUE 7

God Almighty, we ask for healthy, thriving relationships between neighbours. We pray different cultures will be able to understand and care for one another in Birmingham diocese. We pray that we will celebrate the diversity of your people, just as you affirm and love each one of us. Amen

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WED 8

Prayer today is inspired by Psalm 23:4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.

THU 9

Gracious and Loving God, in Christ you make all things new. As we pray for the call of our new bishop, we thank you that the whole earth, its people and places, are equally precious to you. By your Spirit, clothe us with power from on high, and hold our hopes and fears in your love. Grant us the needful gifts of grace to shine with Christ's light throughout our communities, and to work with you to grow your church and transform your world. In the name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen

FRI 10

We are invited to pray for our CofEB churches which are in interregnum. That they may know God's strength and love among them during this period of waiting, seeking and trusting.

SAT 11

Revd David Tomlinson, St Paul's in the JQ invites us to pray; many at St Paul's are Iranian asylum seekers. This is a prayer with them, and others yearning for tranformation. Lord Jesus, console us as we lament loved ones lost; strengthen us as we work for justice; and give us patience as we wait for a world characterised by your love. Amen

THANKSGIVING

Sunday 12 March

We thank you Lord for our CofE Birmingham Chaplaincy ministry which can be found in prison, school and healthcare settings and is currently developing in Higher and Further Education establishments. May our chaplains continue to feel the grace of God in their ministry. May their skill, care, and wisdom be God's grace poured out. Amen

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MON 13

The Collect of the Day Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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

TUE 14

Olwyn Powell invites us to pray, Lord, we marvel at the beauty of the world. We seek prayer for all those in CofE Birmingham. At Water Orton, close to the works associated with HS2, we ask for prayer for those influential organisations who continue in their attempts to protect the natural environment. Amen

WED 15

John Nightingale, St Francis Bournville invites us to pray, Let us pray that monetary values may themselves be assessed by the values of justice, compassion and care for our common home.

THU 16

Dear Lord, thank you for the gift of music and song we can use as we worship you. Thank you for music teachers and choir directors who teach the next generation hymns, psalms, and songs that glorify you. May the music we hear and the hymns we sing come back to our hearts and minds throughout the week, reminding us of your great love and mercy. Amen

Thoughts





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FRI 17

Prayer today is inspired by 'Room In My Heart' by Gas Street Music, Zo Chilengwe

I make room in my heart
I make room in my heart
I make room in my heart for You
Let the world fade away
Let your spirit invade
I make room in my heart for You

You can listen to this song on YouTube or choose your own.

SAT 18

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

Lord lead us along the paths you call us to go.
Help us to stay steadfast and not to stray. Teach us your ways that we might live as your people in the world. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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THANKSGIVING

Sunday 19 March

Mothers Sunday
Loving God, we lift up those who have lost their mothers and mothers who have lost children. Be near to those with difficult mother/child relationships. Hold those who don't know their mothers and comfort all wanting and waiting to be mothers.

Lord, we thank you for mothers and mothering figures in all forms. Bless them with your wisdom, strength and peace. Amen



MON 20

Oh Lord, may we see your goodness and your glory in new ways throughout this season of Lent. May we know the depths of your love for us more fully. May we acknowledge the pain you endured for our sake, Jesus, and may we rejoice that you conquered every bit of evil when you rose to life again.

TUE 21

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Revd Dele Sotonwa, Chair Racial Justice Board, invites us to pray,
Heavenly Father,
As the international day for the elimination of Racial discrimination is being observed, We thank you for the love you showed to humanity by sending your son Jesus Christ to die for us and save us from our sins. We thank you for the gift of salvation you gave to the entire human race without prejudices or favoritism. We thank you for the privilege to be called your children, regardless of our race, status or background. Amen



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WED 22

World Water Day
Loving God, we ask for Your blessings on children, mothers, fathers, and communities who are thirsty. Purify, protect, and multiply their water sources. Strengthen their resolve so they may fully enjoy the benefits of clean water. Amen

THU 23

O Bread of Life, give us the patience, grace and reverence to stop wasting so much food. Help us to buy less, eat modest portions at meals, and savor all our food as we consume it. May we always be grateful for the blessings of strength and flourishing that come from our food. And may we recommit ourselves to finding ways to get food to those who are hungry. Amen

FRI 24

Gracious God, we are in awe of what you do when we come together in your name. May that strength and joy in you, continue to grow as we pray for one another and as we build community through prayer. Amen



SAT 25

Jan Smart, Diocesan Secretary invites us to pray,
Heavenly Father, we thank you for all those who give their time and commitment to support the governance of Church of England Birmingham. As Diocesan Synod gathers today, we ask for your blessing on our time together. We pray for grace in our conversations and wisdom in our decision making. Thank you also for the hospitality of the team at St Philip's Dorridge who are hosting our meeting. Amen

THANKSGIVING

Sunday 26 March

Daylight Saving Time
Dear Lord, we rejoice in our gratitude, for the gifts you have given us today have enriched our lives beyond measure. We thank you for the love you show us and the sacrifice you made. May we continue to appreciate your love each and every day. Amen

MON 27

World Autism Acceptance Week
Revd Canon Steve Jones, Bishops Adviser on Disability invites us to pray,
Lord, may we accept, encourage and embrace the uniqueness with which you created each and everyone of us. Help us to recognise that we are all equally valued, celebrated and unconditionally loved. Lord in your name we pray. Amen

TUE 28

Lord, we praise and thank you for the beauty and goodness of creation around us. Amen

WED 29

Prayer today is inspired by Ephesians 6:18
And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

THU 30

Lord, we know of the most precious gift we have in the maturity and wisdom of the elderly. They are the guardians of our traditions and memories. It is a special gift to have the opportunity to spend time with our oldest generation and learn from them. Help us to continue to cherish that link between different generations. Amen

FRI 31

Emma Sargeant, Growing Younger Adviser invites us to pray,
Lord God, we thank you for eight young people who have joined the newly created Bishop's Youth Synod. We thank you for their sense of fun and excitement as they start this journey together. We ask you to draw them together as a team, supporting and inspiring each other. Help us to be people who listen to their voices and follow where you lead them. Amen



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