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Growing churches at the heart of each community

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MON 1

This evening is the launch of The Bishops' Prayer Network at St Barnabas Erdington, Bishop Esther invites us to pray,
Gracious God, we thank you for calling us to be a people of prayer. As the Bishops' Prayer Network begins today, Strengthen us by your Spirit, deepen our life with you, increase our witness, and deepen prayerfulness across our churches and communities that your Kingdom may come and your will be done, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



TUE 2

This month is the Season of Creation and it is a time of prayer for the Care of Creation.
Creator God, on this Creation Day we thank you for the beauty of the earth and for St Giles, who reminds us of care for all your creatures. Bless the work of the Church of England's Environment Programme, that together we may live gently, cherish your world, and reflect your love in all we do, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

All these CofEB Praying Together prayers can be found on our website www.dio.org.uk/CofEB-PT
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WED 3

Almighty God, we lift before you every guest who will take part in Alpha this year. May each one find a place of welcome and belonging, a space to ask questions and discover your truth. By your Spirit, draw them closer to Jesus, that their lives may be renewed in his love. Amen

THU 4

The Diocesan Education Team invites us to pray,
Everlasting God, as the new academic year begins, we pray for all our schools, children, staff, families and communities across CofE Birmingham. Guide all those involved in education to follow the example of the teachings of Jesus and in doing so to love as He loves us. Amen



FRI 5

Our Father, fill our hearts with the fire of charity, that we may selflessly give to those in need. Grant us compassion and generosity, that we may be vessels of Your love on earth. Bless us with the strength to always put others before ourselves, bringing hope and healing to the world. Amen

SAT 6

The 3rd cohort of the CofEB Growing Gifts programme starts today.

Growing Gifts



Lord Jesus, we pray for all those starting out on the journey to locally authorised ministry leading worship or preaching on an occasional basis, and for those facilitating the groups. We give thanks for their gifts and pray that through them God may be glorified and the people of God encouraged. Amen

SUN 7

The Parish of St Matthew with St Chad, invites us to pray,
Faithful God, as our congregations gather again after the summer, renew our joy in worship, refresh our life together, and guide us by your Spirit into this new season, that we may serve you with gladness through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

MON 8

Lord, we praise you for the teachers and mentors who are making a difference in the lives of children and adults, providing them with a chance to have a brighter future! Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance. Amen

TUE 9

Heavenly Father, please bless new parents with wisdom, patience, and love. Guide their decisions, nurture their child's spirit, and fill their home with peace and understanding. Amen



WED 10

Lord, guide many to faith in Jesus Christ, opening their hearts to Your love and truth. Bless their journey and bring salvation to all. Amen

THU 11

Loving God, nurture our CofE Birmingham communities to grow in confidence, deepen our faith, and share Jesus' love boldly, uniting us in compassion and hope. Amen

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FRI 12

The Revd Paul Hinton invites us to pray while walking. Paul feels he is able to stop and listen to the Lord, to be reminded of the extraordinary beauty of this world and to love the place that God has put us in. Join Paul on his prayer walk here.
Why not try a prayer walk today, or if you aren't able to get outdoors, you could look out the window and pray for your neighbourhood.

Loving God, as we walk through our communities, open our eyes to see your presence, our hearts to love our neighbours, and our lips to speak words of hope. Bless our Diocese with courage and compassion, that every street may know the light of Christ. Amen

SAT 13

Dying Matters: Breaking the stigma of death, dying and grief' is an event for the local community taking place today in one of our CofE Birmingham Oversight Areas. The Revd Catherine Grylls invites us to pray,

Holy God, we give thanks for the collaboration that has made this possible and pray for all who will attend, and for good conversation. Amen

SUN 14

Welcoming God, We pray that our churches may be places of warmth and belonging, where all feel at home and your love is made known. By your Spirit, help us to open our doors and our hearts, so that many may encounter the welcome of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

MON 15

Please strengthen my faith, Lord. Help me fully surrender to You. Teach me to love You deeply, to cherish myself, and to extend love to others, even in times of pain. May my faith be fortified as I learn to live in accordance with Scripture—to love, serve, and forgive. Amen





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TUE 16

Gracious God, you call your people to many ways of service. As we shortlist for the Head of Vocations, grant us wisdom and openness to your Spirit. Bless this appointment, that vocations, both lay and ordained, may flourish across our Diocese and your Church be built up in Christ. Amen

WED 17

Janice Wones invites us to pray,
Lord God, who created each person with particular skills and talents. We thank you for professional sportsmen and sports women, with their abilities of gracefulness, strength or speed; their skills to kick or hit or throw or catch. They give us such enjoyment as we watch them. Grant them pleasure in their abilities and may they have serenity and good memories when they have to stop.
Amen



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THU 18

God of Grace, strengthen and unite our CofE Birmingham community, nurture spiritual growth, heal wounds, and guide our leaders. Bless us with your presence and deepen our love for you and one another.
Amen

FRI 19

The Revd Catherine Grylls invites us to pray for Oversight Area Mission Planning,

Everlasting God, we give thanks for all that You are doing across CofEB through which we are seeing growth in numbers, spiritual commitment and service to our local communities. We pray with all those Oversight Areas who are now looking back over the first year of their planning in mission together, and forward to the coming year. Amen



SAT 20

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

We give thanks that God has the world in hand and pray for God's will to be done and God's kingdom to come. Amen

SUN 21

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your endless grace and guidance. For giving us wisdom for this journey of discipleship, equipping us to serve as beacons of hope to others – a representation of You on earth. We are grateful for Your presence in our lives and the strength to serve as Your light. Bless and empower us to reflect Your love daily.
Amen

MON 22

Loving God, We pray that you would enable us to have growing churches in all our communities, Fill our hearts with your Spirit, so we can warmly welcome others into your family. Make us bold in sharing your love, And use us to bring many to faith in Jesus Christ, that many may find new life in you.
Amen

TUE 23

Gracious God, we thank you for your love and we pray for peace to fill our world. We ask for Your divine intervention to bring an end to conflicts, violence, and hatred. May Your peace reign in the hearts of leaders and individuals worldwide. We trust in Your power to heal and unite nations.
Amen

WED 24

Heavenly Father, fill our hearts with great love for our city and surrounding areas, and its people who live and work here, inspiring us to serve, care, and bring Your light to every corner.
Amen

THU 25

Holy Father, thank You for our children. Bless their safety, listening ears, and divine protection this school year. Cover each child, teacher, and school with Your peace and safety,
Amen

FRI 26

We not only have God's heart, we have His ear.
Jesus, speaking to His Father, said, "Yes, I know You always hear and listen to Me" (John 11:42). Because we are in Christ, we are assured that He always hears us as well. Reliable God, I take this moment to thank You for all the concerns You've answered for me. Thank You for always being by my side and helping me throughout life.
Amen

SAT 27

St Matthew with St Chad Parish Church invites us to pray,
We ask for the Holy Spirit to guide and lead us in the path we should take and the things we should focus on so God's mission is fulfilled in this generation.
Amen

SUN 28

Loving God, We thank You for the new students arriving in our city. May they find friendship, support, and a true sense of home in our churches and communities. Bless them with safety, encouragement, and opportunities to grow in knowledge and faith. Guide us to welcome them warmly, showing Your love in every encounter.
Amen

MON 29

We thank you Lord of Creation, for the many people across CofE Birmingham who have played a part in becoming the first diocese in the country to achieve A Rocha UK's Silver Eco Diocese Award.
Amen

TUE 30

Prayer for the Diocese,
Gracious God, We lift up our Bishops and Archdeacon as they meet today. Grant them wisdom, discernment, and godly leadership as they guide CofE Birmingham. We pray especially for Archdeacon Jenny during her sabbatical: renew her spirit, refresh her mind, and bless her rest and reflection. May Your Spirit continue to lead and sustain all who serve in our churches, that Your kingdom may grow and Your love be made known.
Amen



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