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THU 1

Heavenly Father, we ask for your guidance in the recruitment process for the four positions that are due to come up in the next six months at Lighthouse, St Mary's Pye Hayes. May the right individuals be drawn to these roles, equipped with the skills and passion needed to serve our community. Amen

FRI 2

Gas Street Longbridge, invites us to pray for the revitalisation of St Johns Longbridge,

Creator God, we thank you for the new souls joining our community. Bless their journeys, deepen their faith, and ignite a passionate love for Jesus in their hearts. May our collective efforts continue to transform lives and inspire growth in your name. Amen

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SAT 3

Today is the Installation service for the 11th Bishop of Aston, The Rt. Revd Esther Prior,

Gracious God, we ask that you bless Bishop Esther in her new ministry and this city, region, and diocese. Guide all our leaders in wisdom and compassion, help all those who call this place home to abide deeply in you, that your light may break forth like the dawn and your healing spring up for deliverance. For this we ask in the name of your son, our saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 4 May

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

We give thanks that we have welcomed those seeking God into our community and pray they will grow as Christians. Amen

MON 5

John Nightingale invites us to pray,

Lord God, thank you for the vision and inspiration that have resulted in our diocese and cathedral gaining a A Rocha Silver Eco Church Awards for their environmental actions; guide, we pray, the Cathedral Eco Group as they prepare a Sustainability Strategy. Amen

TUE 6

O Lord, we pray for the individuals who have come to know God through the Children and Families Mission (CFM) project in Warley & Erdington, may they continue to grow in their faith, and for the volunteers who have supported the project activities, to be continually renewed in their ministry. Amen



WED 7

Dear Lord, we thank you for the support provided to CofE Birmingham parishes in interregnum. May your guidance bring strength, unity, and hope to these communities, fostering faith and love during this transition. Amen

THU 8

On this World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day we pray,



Almighty God, we pray for the Red Cross and Red Crescent movements, their volunteers, and all those who offer humanitarian support, seeking to bring comfort and healing to those in need, especially in times of crisis. Amen

FRI 9

Almighty Father, we lift up the children of this world, the ones who have no roof above their heads and the ones who live comfortably. We lift up the children who have never heard of you. Today as we pray, we remember and lift up in your tender loving hands, the abused and abandoned, living without love, without hope, and without the basic needs of life. Amen

SAT 10

Today is World Fair Trade Day,

Thank you, Lord, for this beautiful world, your creation, so beautiful, intricate and interdependent. Thank you that the whole of creation praises you. Help us in the wealthy countries to better steward natural resources, so we can join in creation's praise. And, help us to be more intentional about supporting artisans, farmers and employees who work in the supply chains of the products we purchase. Amen



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 11 May

This week is Christian Aid Week,

God, we are thankful for how Christian Aid Week is an opportunity for our church family to demonstrate your love in action to our local and global community. We give thanks for everyone who gives their time, gifts and resources during Christian Aid Week, and beyond. We pray that you would bless their efforts as they come together with a shared desire to end poverty. Amen



MON 12

This week is Mental Health Awareness Week,

O God of all comfort, we humbly ask that you behold, visit, bless and relieve those who suffer from mental health. Look upon them with the eyes of your mercy; comfort them with a sense of your goodness; preserve them from the temptations of the enemy; and give them patience with themselves. In your good time, restore them to health. Bless all who support and travel alongside those suffering with mental health. Amen



TUE 13

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

Lord God, we pray that all who gather in worship will find your presence and peace. Amen

WED 14

Claire Laland, Malawi Task Group, invites us to be inspired to pray for the situation in Malawi where there is a difference of opinion regarding crops.

Many Malawians claim Cannabis exports can supplement waning tobacco sales, bringing in much-needed foreign currency.

A strong debate is raging in the country about the government throwing its weight behind a crop that is still considered illicit in many countries.

THU 15

International Day of Families,

Spirit of the Lord, we pray for families around the world especially those experiencing hardship, poverty, violence, or abuse. We ask that you will provide for vulnerable families, give protection to those in unsafe situations and that more people will demonstrate a spirit of generosity so that there will be more resources available to help families in need. Amen





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FRI 16

International Day of Living Together in Peace,
Father God, we pray for our world today.
We pray for peace and hope to abound.
Many are affected by natural disasters: floods,
droughts and forest fires.
Many are struggling with conflict, poverty and
the global food crisis.
O Lord, we pray for your provision, peace and
protection.
In Jesus' name,
Amen

SAT 17

*"Footsteps" brings together faith groups in
Birmingham, to respond to the challenge of
moving to a low carbon future.*
Loving God, we pray for Maria Fernandes of
Focolare who has been appointed Facilitator
of Eco-Action Projects in disadvantaged
communities; may she receive the wisdom and
enthusiasm to inspire and support them. Amen



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 18 May

Coleshill Bellringers Guild invite us to pray,
We thank you Lord for our bellringers,
specially on Bell Sunday. Grant us Lord that
church bells in Coleshill and throughout the
diocese will comfort the sick, warn the heedless
and bring all willing hearts to prayer and praise.
Amen

MON 19

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

Generous Lord, you know that we enjoy our hot
drink, a biscuit and a gossip after the service. May
we never forget to thank those who provide the
refreshments. Bless them. Grant them a steady
hand with the coffee spoon and the hot water
and sharp hearing amongst the chattering. Amen

TUE 20

Today is World Bee Day,
Bless governments and regulatory bodies
with integrity, wisdom, truth and foresight
to help them govern wisely and fairly, and to
safeguard the well-being of bees, pollinators and
the environment with future generations in mind.

WED 21

World Day for Cultural Diversity,
Dear God, Creator of diversity, help us
embrace your presence in all cultures and
expressions of faith. May we honour each other's
beliefs and unite in love, reflecting the image of
your Son, Jesus Christ. Let our hearts rejoice in our
shared humanity and your boundless love. Amen

THU 22

*Prayer today is inspired by
International Day for Biological Diversity,*
Dear Creator, inspire us to cherish and protect
the rich tapestry of life surrounding us, fostering
understanding and stewardship for all creatures
great and small. Amen

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FRI 23

*CofE Birmingham Parish Services - Human
Resources (HR) Services invites us to pray,*
Everlasting God, we pray that the relationships
build through the HR Service, continue to be
strong and that parishes feel encouraged to reach
out to the HR team when they need support and
guidance.

SAT 24

*Dear God, grant strength and peace to
those burdened by financial worries.*
Provide comfort in their struggles and guide
them towards hope and solutions.
May they find support, resilience, and the
assurance that they are never alone.
Amen

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 25 May

Prayer today is inspired by Psalm 23,
'The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures, he
leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my
soul. He guides me along the right paths for his
name's sake.'

MON 26

*Dear Creator, bless our CofE Birmingham
community with unity and understanding.*
May we support one another in harmony,
fostering peace and love in our daily lives and
work. Amen

TUE 27

*We are invited to pray
with the community at
St Bartholomew's Allens Cross,
for 25 years there has been
no church building, due to a fire,*
Heavenly Father, we humbly ask for your guidance
and support as the team at St Bart's, Allens Cross
seeks progress in building our new community
hub. May your wisdom and grace lead us to a
fruitful and timely outcome. Amen



WED 28

*Children and Families Missioners Overarching
Project Report invites us to pray,*

Lord, we pray for the two new Children and
Families Missioners (CFMs) who have started
in the last six months, that they settle in well to
their role and are fruitful. We also pray for the
two deaneries where the Children and Families
Missioner project, be coming to an end in 2025,
that the activities will be well embedded in the
parish and with the church volunteers. Amen

THU 29

Ascension Day,
Heavenly Father, on this Ascension Day,
we come before You with hearts overflowing
with gratitude. We thank you for the gift of your
Son, Jesus Christ, who, through his ascension,
secured our salvation.
With each breath we take, may we be mindful
of the immense sacrifice you made for us.
As we reflect on this day, may our
gratitude grow, and our lives be a
testament to your boundless love
and grace. Amen

FRI 30

*Heavenly Father, we seek your protection
over our children and young people. Shield
them from harm, grant them wisdom, and help
them trust in you always. Amen*

SAT 31

*The Collect for the festival of The Visit of the
Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth,*
Mighty God,
by whose grace Elizabeth rejoiced with Mary
and greeted her as the mother of the Lord:
look with favour on your lowly servants
that, with Mary, we may magnify your holy name
and rejoice to acclaim her Son our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

