

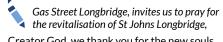
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THU 1

Heavenly Father, we ask 101 years guidance in the recruitment process for the next six months at Lighthouse, St Mary's Pype Hayes. May the right individuals be drawn to these roles, equipped with the skills and passion needed to serve our community. Amen

FRI 2



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

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

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 manner 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

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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

FRI9

Almighty Father, we inture the sum 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

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 eves 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 prav.

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



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

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

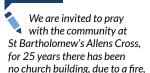
Prayer today is inspired by Psalm 23,

 '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





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



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



