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To pray each day:

*Almighty God, giver of all good gifts,
guide with your heavenly wisdom
those who are to choose a faithful pastor and leader for our Diocese;
that we may receive one who will speak your word
and serve your people according to your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Monday 1

We pray for The Bishop of Derby's Harvest appeal, which is supporting Serenga Hospital in Durgapur which is a joint project between USPG and CNI. They offer a 125 bed hospital that was founded in 1914 and its' name means 'The House of Christian Service'. The hospital also operates a community health programme in local villages that seeks to educate, offer preventative advice and care and create relationships between the hospital, the church and the community which will encourage patients to come to the hospital when they need medical help.

Pray that our Diocese will support this project generously.

May we taste justice at our tables.

May we sense hope in our land.

May we savour the sweetness.

Of all we have been given.

Tuesday 2

As churches celebrate Harvest, we pray:

For the team of agricultural chaplains employed by Rural Action Derbyshire and the ministry of the Church in rural areas. For Rev'd Alan Griggs Agricultural Chaplain, for Emily Brailsford, reader at St Giles Matlock, who has been appointed part time Chaplain to Young Farmers; and Stella Mills working with farmers around South Derbyshire as a volunteer associate agricultural chaplain.

For the rural economy and for its regeneration,
For those who tend the countryside, for the whole farming industry,
For those who make farming policy.

For healthy crops and abundant harvests

For the care and welfare of animals and the veterinary profession

For seasonable weather and protection from disease

For those engaged in agricultural research

For parts of the world where the harvests have failed.

For charities, aid agencies and overseas development

For the will to share God's gifts:

For the farming community as they continue to face low prices, alongside other challenges such as TB, depression a higher risk of suicide, isolation, illness, bereavement, and cash flow problems.

Wednesday 3

South East Deanery

Area Dean - Revd Karen Padley

Lay Chairs - Bob Moon and Brian Parker

Deanery Administrator - Angela Clayton

Saturday 27

In the parish of St Andrew, Langley Mill Clergy Revd Karen Padley, Revd Bruce Johnson, Reader Andrew Whysall, Methodist Minister John Malnutt, PCC & congregation.

Confirmation service taking place at 4pm in Derby Cathedral

Sunday 28 - Simon and Jude

In the United Benefice of Swanwick and Pentrich, Clergy Revd Aron Simpson, Readers Mary Barnett, Carole Kirsopp, Maurice Greasley, Brian Kirkland, Administrator Wendy Butt, PCC's & congregations

May we spread the word that you have spread a table

– and that all are welcome at your feast.

Monday 29

In the parish of All Saints, Marlpool and the parish of St John's, Aldercar.

Clergy: Revd Karen Padley, Revd Bruce Johnson, Revd Lisa Shemilt, Reader Steve Rogers, Church Administrator Edna Smith, PCC's & congregations

Tuesday 30

In the parish of Christ Church, Cotmanhay and Shipley, Clergy: Revd Peter Davey; Reader Barbara Clayton, PCC & congregation

Wednesday 31 - Martin Luther

In the parish of All Saints, Ripley; Clergy: Revd John Wigram; Revd Marion Brookes, Readers Jennifer Brearley, Jonathan Holt, Dawn Holt, Administrator Jenny Roberts, PCC & congregation

Friday 19

In the United Benefice of Stanton-by-Dale with Dale Abbey and Risley, during the Clergy Vacancy we pray for those who have responsibility, especially for Curate Revd Jonathan Bell; Readers Rachel Hobbs, Ralph Homer, Robin Lacy, Administrator Elaine Warren, the Churchwardens,

Saturday 20

In the parish of Holy Trinity, Ilkeston, Clergy: Rt Revd Roger Jupp as he prepares for retirement on 1 November, Revd Tom Barnfather, Revd Giles Orton, PCC & congregation

Sunday 21

In the United Benefice of Morley and Smalley; Wardens Jan Walker MBE, Sheila Randall, Joanne Mears, PCC's & congregations

Monday 22

In the Denby Group of churches the parish of St Susanna, Horsley Woodhouse; Clergy Revd Andrew Taylor-Cook, Revd Christopher Holden, Revd Martin Jones, PCC & congregation

Tuesday 23

As part of the Denby Group of churches, St Luke, Loscoe: Clergy Revd Andrew Taylor-Cook, Revd Christopher Holden, Revd Martin Jones; PCC & congregation

Wednesday 24

As part of the Denby Group of churches, St Clement, Horsley and St Mary, Denby; Clergy Revd Andrew Taylor-Cook, Revd Christopher Holden, Revd Martin Jones; Reader Anne Swales, Terry Welch, PCCs & congregations.

Thursday 25

In the Denby Group of churches the parish of St James, Codnor; Clergy Revd Andrew Taylor-Cook, Revd Christopher Holden, Revd Martin Jones, PCC & congregation

Friday 26

The parish of St Lawrence, Heanor. Revd Karen Padley, Revd Bruce Johnson, Revd Lisa Shemilt, Reader Ann Turner, PCC & congregation

Thursday 4 - St Francis

Pray for leadership of diocese during this Vacancy in See and the Bishop's Staff Meeting today. Pray that as a Diocese we will support, encourage, challenge and love one another as we 'mind the gap' so that we are ready to greet our new bishop, on our toes with our lamps lit, ready and expectant of all that God has in store for us.

Can we really move mountains with a mustard seed of faith?

It seems rather a difficult task.

Could we maybe start with a molehill and work our way up gradually?

But that's not the way it works, is it, Lord?

So often you challenge us with the mountain

when we feel so unprepared, unequipped for the task.

It's then that we have to put self aside, and fear, and pride,

and cling tightly to your hand.

It is only then that we really feel

the warmth of your touch, the certainty of your love,

the power of your presence.

It is only then that our faith begins to grow,

and we begin to see our real potential.

Thank you, Father, for mountains, and mustard seeds.

Friday 5

Pray for the parish of St Mary the Virgin, Ilkeston; Readers John Puxty, Andrea Swarbrick, PCC & congregation

Saturday 6 - William Tyndale

In the parish of St Laurence, Long Eaton Clergy: Rt Revd Roger Jupp as he prepares for retirement on 1 November, Revd Tom Barnfather, Revd Giles Orton, PCC & congregation.

God of all creation, your spirit dances throughout the earth.

You give drink to the trees, shade for the birds, bread for the hungry.

You bring life and make all things holy.

Flood our hearts with your grace,

so we may sow seeds of love, justice and beauty,

and reflect your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

Sunday 7

On this Homelessness Sunday pray that: as ours will be a prophetic voice for change, we will be more aware of homelessness, more active in tackling it and adamant that it must end.

Jesus, help us to see your face in the eyes of every homeless person we meet so that we may be empowered to bring justice and peace.

Hear our prayer today for all people who are homeless

For those sleeping under bridges, on benches, in doorways.

For families broken because they could not afford to pay the rent.

For those who have no relatives or friends who can take them in.

For those who have no place to keep possessions.

For those who are afraid.

For those who have been let down by our social safety net.

Bring shelter, security and hope.

Monday 8

In the United benefice of Wilne and Dracott with St Michael's, Breaston.
Clergy: Revd Christopher Smedley, Gary Dundas;
Youth and Community worker Simon Bentley, Readers April McIntyre, Ruth Pechey,
Jo Whitehead,

Tuesday 9

In the parish of All Saints, Kirk Hallam. Clergy: Revd Christine French, Revd Caro Hemmings,
Reader David Beecroft, Claire Hobby, PCC & congregation

Wednesday 10

In the parish of St John, Long Eaton. Clergy Revd Sam Tredwell, Reader Sarah Ray,
PCC & congregation

Thursday 11

In the United Benefice of West Hallam & Mapperley with Stanley.
Clergy: Revd Gillian Turner-Callis, Revd Jan Hutchinson,
Methodist minister Revd Dick Styles; Readers, Julie Jones, Stella Brookes,
Church administrator Sue Hack, PCC & congregation

Friday 12

In the parish of All Saints, Ockbrook with Borrowash. Clergy: Revd Tim Sumpter,
Readers Mike Allen, Lecky Allwood, Robert Russell,
Parish Development Officer Nat Cochrane, Youth worker Carole Lloyd, PCC & congregation,

Saturday 13

Today is the first meeting of the newly elected Diocesan Synod at St Barnabas Centre,
Danesmoor and we pray that Christ may be seen in the life of the Church.

*You have called us to be a light to the world,
so that those in darkness come to you.
May our lives shine as a witness to the saving grace you have given.
We pray for the flourishing of God's gifts to His Church,
that we may work together,
may we may be firm in faith, and humble before you.
Bless those who speak, that they may proclaim your word in power,
yet open their ears to your gentle whisper.
Jesus, Lord of your Church,
May the boldness of the Spirit transform us,*

Sunday 14

In Prison's week for the prison population of England & Wales and the children who have a
parent in prison and for those who work in prisons. Revd Helen Thake licensed as Chaplain
to HMP Sudbury and Chaplain David Howard.

Prisons week prayer

*Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison.
Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist.
Support with your love, prisoners and their families and friends,
prison staff and all who care.
Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others,
especially the victims of crime.
Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly*

Monday 15

In the parish of St Giles, Sandiacre, Clergy: Revd Olaf Trelenberg, Revd Ken Johnson,
PCC & congregation

Tuesday 16

In the parish of All Saints, Sawley, Clergy: Revd Tony Street; Children's worker Joy Binding,
Readers Paul Cavill, Phil Ormerod, Rosemary Broadbent, Mrs L M Thompson,
PCC and congregation

Wednesday 17

In the parish of St John the Evangelist, Ilkeston, Clergy: Christine French, Caro Hemmings,
PCC & congregation

Thursday 18 - St Luke

Please pray during this Freedom Week for:

Those who seek to make money at the 20.9 million people in forced labour around the world.
Those who exploit, abuse, inflict violence, pain and fear on the 13,000 women, children and
men in modern slavery in the UK.

Those being exploited in prostitution and those who participate in abuse by paying for
sexual services.

Members of Parliament speaking up against trafficking

For police and immigration officers that they spot the signs of trafficking

That no child or situation is left hidden from sight

*Loving Father,
Who gathers the outcast,
Heals the broken hearted
and binds up their wounds;
Bring liberty and freedom to all whose lives
are entangled in slavery and trafficking in our world today.
Lift up the down trodden and tread wickedness into the dust:
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect freedom,
One God, now and forever. Amen.*