

1st *Giles of Provence, Hermit, c.710* REVD ANDREW GANDON. Pray for Andrew as he prepares for his Collation and Induction service at St. Giles, Exhall. Rejoice with the congregation as they welcome Andrew to the Parish. Pray for Bishop John and Archdeacon Ian who will lead the service.

2nd *The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 and 1942* REVD ELAINE SCRIVENS. Pray for Elaine who will be licensed to St. Chad's, Bishop's Tachbrook. Pray for the congregation, and rejoice with them as they welcome Elaine to the parish. Pray for Bishop Christopher and Archdeacon Ian as they lead the service.

3rd Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 604. ST GILES, CHESTERTON. Vcr: Revd John Burrell. Cr: Revd Neil Dunlop. Rdrs: Keith Blackburn, Mary Blackburn, Richard Woodfin. Pray for this deeply rural parish (pop: 120). Pray that the many hikers and others who visit would be warmly welcomed, informed about the history and inspired to worship God. Pray also for the PCC who work with the rest of the MidFosse Parishes in sharing the love of Christ in our community.

4th *Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester (Oxon), Apostle of Wessex, 650.* DASSETT MAGNA GROUP OF CHURCHES. Vcr: Vacancy. Rdr: John Davies. Admin: Helen Hide-Wright. Praise God for unity and provision throughout the Interregnum. Pray for our churchwardens, for The Dasset and Temple Herdewyke Primary Schools, and for the Family Service at The Dasset on 10 October.

5th **The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.** CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, STUDLEY. AM Revd Andy Shearn; OLM: Revd Judy Stote. Rdrs: Phil Saleh; Joy Holland and Pat Wheeler. Pray for wisdom and discernment in the appointment of a new incumbent; for the MLT and Church Councils; AM: Revd Andy Shearn and OLM curate, Revd Judy Stote, as they lead the Arden Marches Group of Churches during the interregnum.

6th *Allen Gardiner, Missionary, Founder of the South American Mission Society, 1851* REVD ROBERT IRETON. Pray for Robert as he prepares for his licensing service to the Revel Group of Parishes. Pray for the congregation as they prepare to welcome Robert. Pray also for Bishop Christopher and Archdeacon Ian as they lead the service.

7th WEST MIDLANDS ANGLICAN BISHOPS. Pray for Bishop John who will be attending a meeting of the West Midlands Anglican Bishops with West Midlands leaders of the Free Churches.

8th The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary ST. MATTHEW, SALFORD PRIORS. PinC: Revd Peter Walker. AM: Revd Ruth Walker Rdrs: Mr Michael Cocker, Mr Andy Martin and Mr Ray Stanley. Thank God for bringing Revds Peter & Ruth Walker to St Matthew's Salford Priors and the Heart of England group of Parishes. Pray for unity among the 6 parishes as we learn to share and grow together.

9th *Charles Fuge Lowder, Priest, 1880* ST. MICHAEL, BISHOP'S ITCHINGTON WITH ST NICHOLAS, RADFORD SEMELE. PinC: Revd Martin Green; AM: Revd Tim Britton. Give thanks for the building work that has now started at St Michael's. Pray that the Planning Application will pass through the necessary hoops smoothly, and that funding begins to come in for work at St Nicholas Church. Pray for the Quality Time and Messy Church - children and young families work.

10th RIDE AND STRIDE - 11TH SEPT. Pray for all those who work so hard to keep our church buildings in good order and open and welcoming to all, as the Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Trust raise money through the Ride and Stride event. Bless all those who will be cycling for their churches.

11th ST GILES, CHESTERTON. There will be a service to dedicate three refurbished and re-hung bells tomorrow at St Giles. Give thanks for the faithful service of God's people in this place and pray for Bishop John who will be attending.

12th The **Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity** RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY. COLLEGE OF BISHOPS 13th- 16th. Pray for Bishop Christopher as he attends these College of Bishops meetings. Pray for their conversations, and discussions.

13th John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher of the Faith, 407 Give thanks for Revd Canon Roger Spiller's role as Director of Ministry and his continuing role as Diocesan Director of Ordinands.

14th **Holy Cross Day** ST. MICHAEL, WOLFORD. Rctr: Revd Stuart Allen. AM: Revd Canon Anthony Wells. Pray for Revd Stuart Allen the new Rector of SW 7, and for Vicki, his wife, and their two children as they make their new home in the Rectory at Long Compton and begin their ministry in the early autumn.

15th Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258 ST MICHAEL, BUDBROOKE. PinC: Revd David Brown; OLM: Revd Mary Lodge. Rdr: Mr Robert Dubock; Mr Ray Filby. Give thanks for God's recent challenges to us, pray that individually/corporately we would respond to his call to go deeper. Pray for impact of mission initiatives, Alpha, Just 10 & Back to Church Sunday - that people come to Christ.

16th Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c.432 *Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, Tractarian, 1882.* ST MICHAEL, STOKE (CALUDON TEAM MINISTRY). TRct: Revd William Smith. Rdr: Mrs Janet Polkington; Mrs Ann Brown and Miss Suzanne Sapiano. We give thanks for all who have recently joined the church fellowship and pray for all the re-ordering plans and opportunities to be involved in the life of the local community.

17th Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179. Pray for the service taking place at Westminster Abbey at which the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Pope will be present.

18th HOLY CROSS, WYKEN (CALUDON TEAM). TVcr: Revd Karen Reeves. Rdr: Mrs Julia Watkins-Woolner and Mr Trefor Richards. Lord of love, teach us how our church community may connect more deeply with our local community, that our joy in You may be a light, a comfort, and an encouragement for all. Amen

19th **The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity** . LICENSING OF REVD JANE MULLANEY AS ASSOCIATE MINISTER TO THE BENEFICE OF ST JOHN'S, KENILWORTH, AT KNIGHTS MEADOW CHURCH. Pray for Jane as she prepares for her licensing service, and for the congregation as they celebrate Jane's arrival in the parish. Pray for Bishop John who will be licensing Jane.

20th John Coleridge Patteson, First Bishop of Melanesia, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871 ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, CLAVERDON. PinC: Revd Canon Lawrence Mortimer. Rdrs: Mr Philip Hanson and Mr James Holden. We thank God for our Benedictine away-weekend in Canterbury and for the inspiration it will give our interregnum as we say God speed to Lawrence and Rosie Mortimer this month. We pray for all those involved in the selection process for our new incumbent

21st **Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist** RUGBY TEAM MINISTRY / THE HARRIS SCHOOL. Pray for Leah Bruce who begins her new post as Youth Minister in the Rugby Team and as a half-time Chaplain to the Harris School this month. Pray that she connects well with the Young People and is an inspiration - particularly to those who have yet to express a Christian faith of their own. Pray also that Leah is able to manage her dual role well and that God would inspire her in this new adventure.

22nd Ember Day. ST. WILFRID'S ARLEY WITH ST. MICHAEL'S GUN HILL.. PinC: Revd Peter Allan. Rdr: Donald Parr. Give thanks for the fantastic new community centre at St. Michael's, and the new roof and gradual refurbishment of parish room at St. Wilfrid's. With physical

building work largely complete we now need to build spiritually. Pray that God will guide us.

23rd ALL SAINTS ALLESLEY COVENTRY. Pray for Louise Tandy – the new Youth Worker at All Saints Church, Allesley. Pray that she settles in quickly and is able to inspire the Young People in her care to live out passionate lives for Jesus Christ.

24th Ember Day ST CATHERINE'S, STOKE ALDERMOOR (CALUDON TEAM). TVcr: Revd Karen Reeves. Pastoral Assist: Mrs Bridget Harper. God of Justice and Truth, strengthen our church community in its 'travelling light' from our current building into our eventual new home. May our journeying deepen trust in your purposes for us as we serve our local community.

25th Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626 *Sergei of Radonezh, Russian Monastic Reformer, Teacher of the Faith, 1392* Ember Day. EBBSFLEET LAY CONFERENCE. Pray for this conference and all the delegates attending.

26th **The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.** BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY. Pray for all churches taking part in this initiative both in Coventry and nationally. Pray that many will come to know Jesus.

27th Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists), 1660. MEETING OF WORLDWIDE CCN PRESIDENTS. Pray for this meeting of CCN Presidents at Coventry Cathedral. Give thanks for all the work done by CCN.

28th GRAHAM WRIGHT, DIOCESAN STEWARDSHIP ADVISER. Pray for Graham and those who support and work with him. Give thanks for Graham's ministry amongst us.

29th **Michael and All Angels** Pray for our PCC and Deanery Treasurers, giving thanks for them as they work tirelessly in our churches throughout the diocese.

30th *Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures, Teacher of the Faith, 420* REVD TIM DAVIES. Pray for Tim as he prepares for his Institution/Induction to Clifton, Newton & Brownsover. Pray for Bishop John and Archdeacon Ian who will be attending. Rejoice with them as they celebrate Tim's arrival.

Meditation

The grace of giving

September, the mellow, fruitful month is a good time to pray about our giving. Fields and hedgerows yield their fruits. Apple trees are loaded and blessed.

Yet in lean times, only the Lottery queues lengthen. Paul speaks to us, as he spoke to the Corinthians in his Second letter, Chapter 8, commending generous giving, as we are able, and beyond. During a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and extreme poverty overflowed.

What was the secret? Abundant joy? The message read 'no money left. Read Chapters 8 and 9 slowly. Paul speaks of a poverty where everything is seen as gift. Hearts lift, gladly returning thankfulness and praise to the Father. This in turn generates more loving response, and fuller giving.

A 'grace of giving' is Paul's phrase. A grace not measured by means, but a fullness, a joyful giving, for love's sake. Sustainable, springing from streams of living water, the grace is endless.

John Whittier's hymn sings of the divine fullness:

Immortal love for ever full,
for ever flowing free,
for ever shared, for ever whole,
a never-ebbing sea.

In the passage, Paul's cheerful giver has received that fullness. The grace of giving is the lowly movement of the heart, trusting and open.

This is the climate change, the season, where the Holy Spirit moves.

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CYCLE OF PRAYER

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Focus for Prayer:

They gave as much as they were able and even beyond their ability ... see that you also excel in this grace of giving." (2 Cor. 8:3,7)

Pray for a proper, Godly and generous use of money to build up God's Kingdom. Pray especially for David Oglethorpe, the new Director of Finance and Administration.

Pray and give thanks for the ministry of our PCC and Deanery Treasurers

