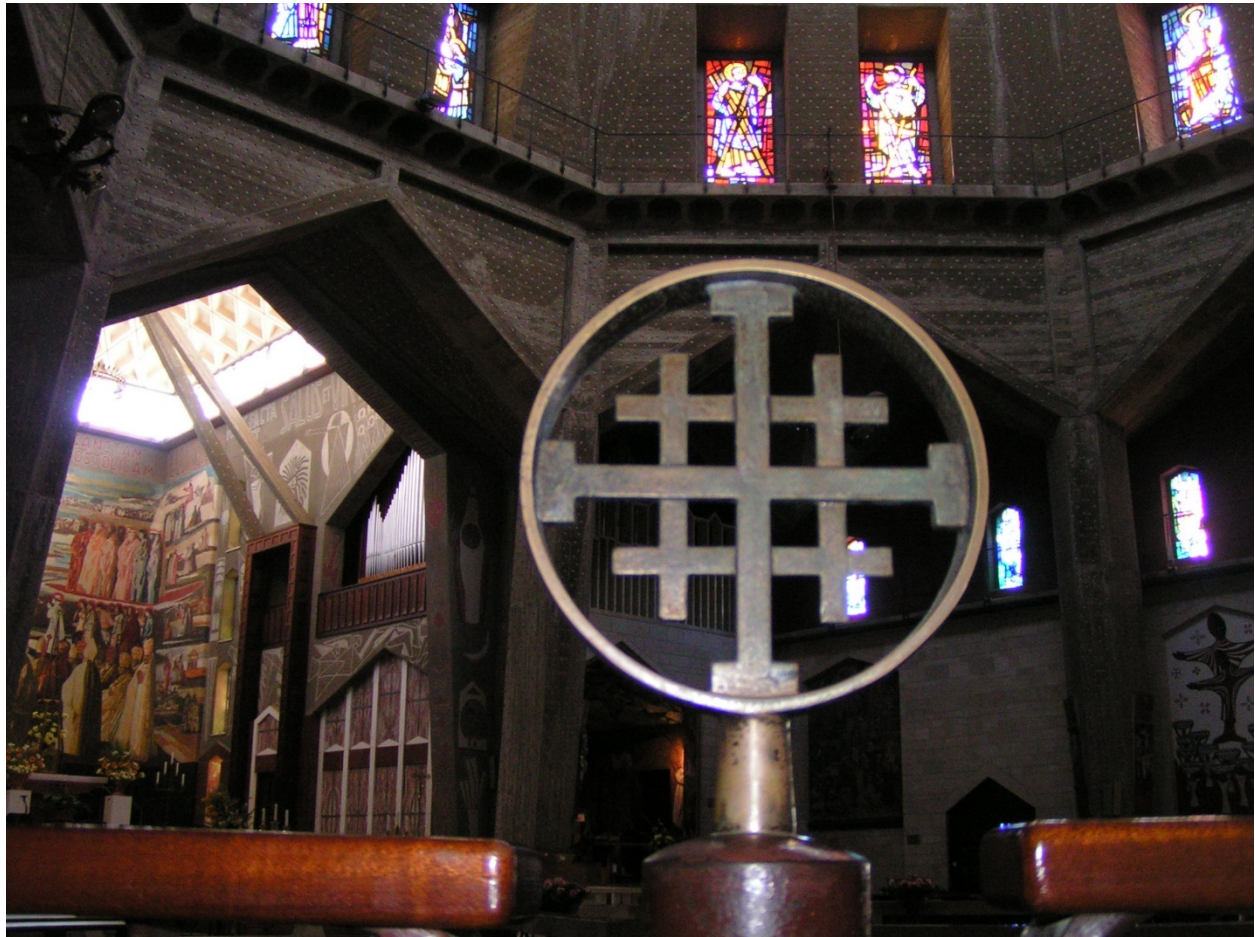


## Diocese of Chester

### Cycle of Prayer – 1 June – 4 July 2020



## Welcome

Continuing lockdown regulations mean we are still unable to produce the *Cycle of Prayer* in its usual variety of formats. Instead, as in the previous 'emergency edition,' there follows a list of intentions for this current month in the conviction that it is important to maintain an ordered praying for one another. Where prayer requests from local parishes have been received, they are included in expectation that although things may have changed radically they will give insight into each church's life and plans. The usual Sunday entries have been replaced by prayer prompts based on the readings for the day in the Common Lectionary. These are offered not as models but as possible spurs to your own further prayers.

As always, intentions for inclusion in future issues are welcome, please email [jane.hood@chester.anglican.org](mailto:jane.hood@chester.anglican.org)

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Editor and Director of Ministry

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1 June

**The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth**

0208 **Dodleston**

C: Hazel Clarke.

*Bishop Nicholas James Drayso, Bishop Mateo Alto, Bishop Crisanto Rojas, Northern Argentina (South America). Bishop Barry Beisner, Northern California (The Episcopal Church, USA).*

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2 June

0209 **Eccleston & Pulford**

C: Roger Clarke. LM: Robert Hughes.

*Bishop Douglas Sparks, Northern Indiana (The Episcopal Church, USA). Bishop Funkuro Godrules Victor Amgbare, Northern Ison (Nigeria).*

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3 June

0210 **Guilden Sutton**

C: Heather Carty. LM: Pauline Holgate, Denise Campbell, Libby Owen.

*Bishop Hilary Ayban Pasikan, Northern Luzon (Philippines). Bishop Fanuel Emmanuel Magangani, Northern Malawi (Central Africa).*

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4 June

0211 **Hoole**

C: John Kirkland. LM: Vicky Bulgin, Jeff Turnbull. Ron Davies, Bill Holt, Tina Trevitt, Missy Johnson, Helen Ellis.

Pray for our new Curate, Sam Durdant-Hollamby, and for breakthroughs in the Groves Church plant which he leads.

*Bishop Francisco Moreno, Northern Mexico (Mexico). Bishop Rayford Ray, Northern Michigan (The Episcopal Church, USA).*

5 June

0213 **Kelsall**

C: Susan Banks, Karen Andrews. LM: John Diggle.

We give thanks for the work on the re-ordering of St Philip's, we pray that the newly modernised space will enable new and creative ways of using the building for the future of both the community and Kelsall churches working together.

*Bishop Brent Alawas, Bishop Miguel Yamoyam, Northern Philippines (Philippines). Bishop Greg Anderson, The Northern Territory (Australia).*

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6 June

0214 **Lache cum Saltney**

C: Hennie Johnston, Simon Chesters, Anina Thomas. LM: Nikki Smith, Pippa Douglas.

*Bishop Johnson Gakumba, Northern Uganda (Uganda). Archbishop Albert Cham, Archbishop of Central Africa and Bishop of Northern Zambia (Central Africa).*

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7 June

**Trinity Sunday**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

We come to prayer today in the name of the Triune God, revealed in Jesus the Christ to whom all authority has been given.

Remembering our baptism, we pray for the nations of the world during this time when adversity unites us, but our inability to live at peace divides. May we live as disciples of Jesus, following His example of living at peace in the midst of trouble.

In this post-truth time, may we be disciplined in our learning and our forthtelling of all that Jesus taught.

As we contemplate the world in which we live, and which might develop as the current crisis comes to an end, we remember Jesus' promise to be with us until the end.

*Liz Shercliff*

*Bishop Amos Magezi, Northwest Ankole (Uganda). Bishop Scott Meyer, Northwest Texas (The Episcopal Church, USA).*

8 June

0215 **Plemstall**

C: Heather Carty. LM: Pauline Holgate.

*Bishop Sean Rowe, Northwestern Pennsylvania (The Episcopal Church, USA). Bishop Graham Usher, Norwich; Bishop Jonathan Meyrick, Norwich - Lynn; Bishop Alan Winton, Norwich - Thetford (England).*

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9 June

0216 **Tarvin**

C: Adam Friend, Barbara King. LM: Colin Haworth, Mary Burgess, Roy Fuller, Jo Richards.

Please pray for us, as we start new services and groups as we seek to be a place of worship relevant to all, in a changing social climate.

*Archbishop Wayne Cutler, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada & Bishop of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island (Canada). Bishop Aloysius E Agbo, Nsukka (Nigeria).*

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10 June

0217 **Upton-by-Chester**

C: Paul Newman. LM: Barbara Capstick.

*Bishop Stephen Kabora, Nyahururu (Kenya). Bishop Paul Tokmach Lual, Nyang (South Sudan).*

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11 June

**Day of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion (Corpus Christi)**

0218 **Plas Newton**

C: Pete Rugen. LM: Alan Lowe, Christine Blackmore, David Blackmore, Trevor Park, Julie Ellison, Alison Linfield, Sas McConville, Rob Kophamel.

Pray for our new cafe manager and for the witness of the cafe in the Kingsway community.

*Bishop Richard Bbikoyesu Aquilla, Nzara (South Sudan). Bishop Solomon Olusola Akanbi, Offa (Nigeria).*

12 June

**St Barnabas**

0219 **Chester Christ Church**

C: Graham Shaw, Ralph Kemp, Glyn Jones. LM: Veronica Johnston.

As a church, we are currently taking part in the diocesan-sponsored Lead Academy Course. Pray that any changes that arise from this help us to more fully serve our parish, Chester as a city, and also our ministry amongst students at the University of Chester.

*Bishop James Aye Oruori, Ogbia; Bishop Solomon S Gberegbara, Ogoni, (Nigeria).*

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13 June

0220 **Chester St Oswald & St Thomas of Canterbury**

C: Stephen Sheridan. LM: Keith Allen.

*Bishop Festus O O Davies, Ogori-Magongo; Bishop Chidi Collins Oparaojiaku, Ohaji/Egbema (Nigeria).*

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14 June

**The First Sunday after Trinity**

Reading this passage from Matthew (9.35-10.8) today brings a sense of dissonance. How are we to relate to the experience of those “sent” by Jesus, within our own new normal of being grounded within the home? Many of us have been sent not out into our communities but sent home to stay safe.

And yet even through our isolation and distance, discipleship and Christian service have remained very much alive. Perhaps today we can be a little imaginative in our ideas of what it means to be sent. If you are isolating at home for the foreseeable future, how might you find new ways to be “sent”, so that you might proclaim the good news even from your kitchen or living room?

If you are emerging from a time of isolation, perhaps to return to work or ministry, how has the experience of recent months changed your ideas of what it means to be “sent”?

Matthew is clear on two things: being sent is never easy. Expect things to get tough. But God goes before us and beside us, and so expect also that wherever and however we are sent at this time, we find God waiting there to meet us.

*Jenny Bridgman*

*Bishop Mark Hollingsworth, Ohio (The Episcopal Church, USA). Archbishop Amos Amankechinelo Madu, Oji River (Nigeria).*

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15 June

**0221 Chester St Peter**

C: Jon Phillips, Gareth Thomas, Michael Leyden. LM: Cath Jones.

Please pray for St Peter's as we seek to see the City of Chester transformed by God's love and many come to faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Bishop Emmanuel I Onsachi, Okene; Bishop Cornelius O Adagbada, Oke-Ogun; Bishop Abraham O Akinlalu, Oke-Osun (Nigeria).*

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16 June

**The Bishops' Blue Coat C of E High School**

*Revd Edward C D Osuegbu, Okigwe; Bishop Godson Udochukwu Ukanwa; David O C Onuoha, Okigwe South (Nigeria).*

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17 June

**Grosvenor Park Academy**

*Bishop David Eisho Uehara, Okinawa (Japan). Bishop Edward Konieczny, Oklahoma (The Episcopal Church, USA).*

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18 June

**Chadkirk Deanery**

Pray for the three parishes in vacancy: Whaley Bridge, St Martin's Low Marple and, and St Thomas High Lane that God would sustain and grow them in vacancy and in due couse bring them new leadership.

*Bishop Tubokosemie Abere, Okrika; Bishop John Usiwoma Aruakpor, Oleh (Nigeria).*

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19 June

**1101 Bredbury St Barnabas**

C: Sue Shrine. LM: Daryl Beaumont.

Pray for us at St Barnabas as we reach out into our community, especially with our new registration as a 'Place of Welcome'.

*Bishop Tandema Obede, Olo (South Sudan). Bishop Gregory Rickel, Olympia (The Episcopal Church, USA).*

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20 June

1102 **Bredbury St Mark**

C: Andy Bull. LM: Ruth Bull.

*Bishop Philip Adeyemo, Omu-Aran; Bishop Chijioke Oti, On the Lake (Nigeria).*

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21 June

**The Second Sunday after Trinity**

Our Redeemer we hear again your reassuring command, 'Do not be afraid.' We long to make it our own and live securely in its power. We long for the trust that builds courage. We long for the conviction that recognizes grace in the hardest of circumstance. We long to be those who are not afraid because our hope is in you. This is our longing ...

But turning longing into reality comes so hard. Fear makes us timorous when we want to be brave. Fear makes us run when we were so determined to stand. Fear makes us weak even when we thought ourselves so strong. Our longing turns to trepidation although we try to hide it ...

Then we hear your grace. There is no need to hide. What was hidden will be uncovered anyway. 'Do not be afraid' not the consequence of our wills but the gift of your presence. A disciple is not above the teacher; it is enough to be like the teacher. United with you, death nor fear shall have dominion, for you are Lord even of the fearful.

Pray for all who are full of fear right now – whatever the circumstance. May they come to know healing, hope and newness of life.

*Christopher Burkett*

*Bishop Owen Chiedozi Nwokolo, On the Niger; Bishop Stephen A Oni, Ondo (Nigeria).*

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22 June

1103 **Romiley**

C: Richard Pennystan, Will Drain. LM: Audrey Murch, Alan Murch, Elle Bird, Molly Dow, Alan Bancroft.

2020 is our 'year of invitation'. We are seeking to build on the many years of mission in our community with greater confidence in sharing the good news of Jesus, to see more come to know him as Saviour and Lord.

*Bishop Michael Oulton, Ontario (Canada). Bishop Michael Hanley, Oregon (The Episcopal Church, USA).*

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23 June

1104 **Disley**

C: Stuart Cornes. LM: Jenny Kidd, Mike Hobart, Jack Fuller, Rob Stoba, Wendy Luxon, Sarah Baker.

Pray for the two churches of St Mary's, Disley and St John's, Furness Vale as they as they seek to share Jesus across the parish in Disley, Newtown and Furness Vale. Please pray in particular for our work with children and families.

*Archbishop Bennett C I Okoro, Orlu; Bishop Geoffrey N Chukwunenye, Oru (Nigeria).*

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24 June

**The Birth of John the Baptist**

1105 **High Lane**

C: Vacant. LM: John Wilson, Tony Berry.

*Bishop Andrew Haruhisa Iso, Osaka (Japan). Bishop James Afolabi Popoola, Osun (Nigeria).*

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25 June

1106 **Low Marple**

C: Vacant. LM: Debbie Moores, Geoff Brammall, Tony Doust.

*Bishop Abiodun T Olaoye, Osun North East (Nigeria). Vacant, Ottawa (Canada).*

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26 June

1107 **Marple**

C: Daniel Currie, Lesley Currie, Jeb Beatty, Phil Harris. LM: Denis Watson, Keith Frost, Martin Palmer.

*Bishop David K Bello, Otukpo; Bishop Chukwuma Oparah, Owerri (Nigeria).*



27 June

1109 **Compstall (or Werneth)**

C: Lynn Boyle, Wendy Atkinson. LM: Mick Boyle.

*Bishop Stephen Ayodeji Akinwale Fagbemi, Owo (Nigeria). Bishop Steven Croft, Oxford; Bishop Alan Wilson, Oxford - Buckingham; Bishop Colin Fletcher, Oxford - Dorchester; Bishop Olivia Graham, Oxford - Reading (England).*

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28 June

**The Third Sunday after Trinity**

Jesus said: "whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward." (*Matthew 10:42*)

The "little ones" Jesus refers to are not children. The little ones are those who are poor and those who are desperate. A cup of water is simple kindness and refreshment for those who are weary and heavy laden. It becomes an offering to God who is at their side.

Pray today:

- for those who go thirsty – those who live on parched land and those on journeys so long that they depend on the generosity and hospitality of others.
- for those who have no clean water to drink and those who bear heavy loads of water so that their families can drink.
- for those who are in the hospitality trade and those who keep watering holes as welcoming places.

*David Herbert*

*Bishop Williams Oluwarotimi Aladekugbe, Oyo (Nigeria). Bishop Joseph Maker Atot, Pacong (South Sudan).*

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29 June

**Ss Peter and Paul**

1110 **Whaley Bridge**

C: Vacant. LM: Michael Connell, Sue Mellor, Beryl Axcell.

Heavenly Father, please bless our church during this vacancy. Thank you for the wonderful team who are working so hard to keep everything going, specially the Messy Church Team. Please inspire the right person to come to be our new priest-in-charge in this lovely place.

*Archbishop Julio Murray Thompson, Primate of IARCA & Bishop of Panama (Central America). Bishop Olumuyiwa O Ajayi, Pankshin (Nigeria).*

30 June

1111 **Mellor**

C: Tracy Ward. LM: David Shercliff, Peter Harrison.

*Bishop David Kiir Mayath, Panrieng; Bishop Seme Nigo Abinda. Panyana Area (South Sudan).*

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1 July

**Frodsham Deanery**

*Bishop Peter Bartlett, Paraguay (South America). Bishop Philip Marandih, Patna (North India).*

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2 July

0301 **Alvanley and Manley**

C: Vacant.

*Bishop Renato Da Cruz Raatz, Pelotas (Brazil). Bishop Daniel Gutierrez, Pennsylvania (The Episcopal Church, USA).*

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3 July

**St Thomas**

0303 **Dunham-on-the-Hill**

C: Graham Green.

*Bishop Kay Goldsworthy, Perth; Bishop Kate Wilmot, Perth; Bishop Jeremy James, Perth Goldfields-Country Region (Australia). Bishop Jorge Luis Aguilar, Peru (South America).*

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4 July

0304 **Frodsham**

C: Elaine Attack. LM: Gail Fullbrook, Gill Newcombe, Andrew Rudd, Mavis Thompson.

We pray for our new vicar and her husband as they start their ministry at St Laurence. We also pray for all in our school community and pray they have a restful but fun filled summer break.

*Archbishop Humphrey Peters, Bishop of Peshawar & Moderator of the Church of Pakistan, Peshawar (Pakistan). Bishop Donald Allister, Peterborough; Bishop John Holbrook, Peterborough - Brixworth (England).*