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ABBREVIATIONS:

A Assistant Clergy; AAD Assistant Area Dean; AC Associate Priest/Minister; AD Area Dean; AM Assistant Minister; AR Associate Rector; AV Associate Vicar; AYO Area Youth Officer, BMO Bishop's Mission Order; BP Bishop; CA Church Army; CIC Curate in Charge; CHP Chaplain; EVN Evangelist; HT Head Teacher; LLM Licensed Lay Minister; MCD Minister of Conventional District; MIC Minister in Charge; PEV Provincial Episcopal Visitor; PIC Priest in Charge; PP Public Preacher; R Rector; RD Rural Dean; Rdes Rector designate; RDR Reader; PTO Permission to Officiate; RES Residuary Canon; Sr Sister, TM Team Ministry; TR Team Rector; TV Team Vicar; V Vicar; Vdes Vicar designate; WDN Warden.



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“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”
Philippians 4:6

Mon 1 **Brigid, Abbess of Kildare, c.525**

The Deanery of Epping Forest & Ongar continued...
Fyfield (St Nicholas), Moreton (St Mary Vn), Bobbingworth (St Germain) & Willingale (St Christopher) w Shellow and Berners Roding
Clergy: Christine Hawkins (PIC).

Dr Walker’s CE Primary School: Llewelan Lawson (HT).

Moreton CE Primary School: Nikki Batt (HT).

The Diocese of All Saints Cathedral - The Anglican Church of Kenya

Tue 2 High Laver (All Saints) w Magdalen Laver (St Mary Magdalene) w Little Laver (St Mary Vn) and Matching (St Mary Vn) w Matching Green (St Edmund)

Clergy: Christine Hawkins (PIC).

Matching Green CE Primary School: Amy Wareham (HT).

The Diocese of Aluakluak - The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Wed 3 **Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary in Denmark & Sweden, 865**

High Ongar (St Mary) w Norton Mandeville (All Saints)

Clergy: Stuart Gibbs (PIC).

The Diocese of Amazônia - Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

Thu 4 **Gilbert of Sempringham, Founder of the Gilbertine Order, 1189**

North Weald (St Andrew) Clergy: Lee Batson (PIC).

St Andrew’s CE Primary School: Katie Henson (HT).

The Diocese of Amichi - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Fri 5 The retired clergy, Readers, and lay ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Epping Forest and Ongar.

The Diocese of Amritsar – The (United) Church of North India

Sat 27 Staretz Silouan is little known today - though indirectly he was responsible for the founding of the monastery on the north side of the Blackwater estuary, near Tiptree. He died some 80 years ago having lived much of his life as a hermit. When he came out of silence he said, “keep your mind in hell and do not despair”.

Dark beyond words, but he speaks there directly to the nature and purpose of the Christian hope that stands at the heart of Holy Week: that we have a light that continues to shine in the darkness and the darkness will never overwhelm that light. That’s the truth out of which we are invited to live.

The Diocese of Barbados - The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Sun 28 **PALM SUNDAY**

Jesus, you rode into your city in triumph of this day, receiving the shouts and welcome of many. Come into our Churches today. Receive our welcomes and our acclaim. Come to rule in the hearts and minds of all who lead us and help us all to go out and proclaim you as King over all the world.

PRAY for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Mon 29 **MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

Forest Gate (St Mark) Clergy: Ben King (V).

Forest Gate (St Saviour and St James)

Clergy: Cornelius Henry (R), Janetta Brathwaite (A).

The Diocese of Bari - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Tue 30 **TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

Little Ilford (St Barnabas) Clergy: Revd Robert Ryan (V).

Manor Park [Little Ilford] (St Michael and All Angels, St Mary the Virgin)

Clergy: Vacancy (R), Patrick Morrow (AC), Lee Taylor (A).

The Diocese of Baringo - The Anglican Church of Kenya

Wed 31 **WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

North Woolwich (St John w Silvertown)

Clergy: Jeremy Fraser (V), Emeka Ejinkonye (AC).

The Diocese of Barrackpore – The (United) Church of North India

Mon 22 The retired clergy, Readers and lay ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Havering.

*The Diocese of the Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands
(The Church in the Province of the West Indies)*

Tue 23 **The Deanery of Newham**

Area Dean: Dave Chesney. Lay Chair: Shirley Biro.
Assistant Area Deans: Cornelius Henry, Merrin Playle.
Chaplains: Christopher Oladuji, Santou Beurklian-Carter (Barts Health NHS Trust), Tristan Alexander-Watts (Barts Health NHS Trust, also Richard House Children's Hospice), Stephen Chandler (East London NHS Foundation Trust); Vacancy (London City Airport).

The Diocese of Bakuru - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Wed 24 **Walter Hilton of Thurgarton, Augustinian Canon, Mystic, 1396**
Paul Couturier, Priest, Ecumenist, 1953

Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, Martyr, 1980
East Ham Holy Trinity Team Ministry (St Mary, St Bartholomew, St Alban Upton Park, St Edmund) Clergy: Susan Lucas (TR), Quintin Peppiatt (TV), Fred Ashford-Okai (AC), Ann Easter (AC), John King (A), Marco Filipe Lopes (A).

East Ham (St George and St Ethelbert) Clergy: David Haokip (V).

The Diocese of Ballarat - The Anglican Church of Australia

Thu 25 **The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary**

East Ham (St Paul) Clergy: Merrin Playle (V), Obi Chike (A).
Licensed Lay Minister: Keith Bone. Reader: Philip Burgess.

The Diocese of Bangor - The Church in Wales

Fri 26 **Harriet Monsell, Founder of the Community of St John the Baptist, 1883**

Forest Gate (All Saints) Clergy: Jeremy Fraser (PIC), Milen Bennett (A).

Forest Gate (Emmanuel w St Peter Upton Cross)
Clergy: Chigor Chike (V), Ajennie Subaran (A).

The Diocese of Banks & Torres - The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Sat 6 **The Martyrs of Japan, 1597**
Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952

The Bible knows absolutely nothing of a division between sacred and secular. In God's eyes everything is holy. The world is the arena of God's activity. Michel Quoist, one of the great spiritual writers of the 20th century put it this way in his extraordinary meditation: "I would like to rise very high, Lord".

The heart of it is the line "I would understand that nothing is secular, neither things, nor people, nor events, but that, on the contrary, everything has been made sacred in its origin by God".

The Diocese of Andaman & Car Nicobar Islands - The (United) Church of North India

Sun 7 **THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**
Thank God for our Diocesan links with other parts of the world.
Pray for understanding and love between all people of faith.

PRAY for The Anglican Church of Burundi

Mon 8 **The Deanery of Harlow**

Area Dean: Martin Harris. Lay Chair: John Winterbotham.
Chaplains: Christian Okeke and Gillian Newman (Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust). Pioneer Missioner: Jokey Poyntz.

*The Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane -
The Scottish Episcopal Church*

Tue 9 Great Hallingbury (St Giles) & Little Hallingbury (St Mary Vn)
Clergy: David Herrick (PIC), Dawn Jewson (AC).

Licensed Lay Minister: Caroline Harding.

Little Hallingbury CE Primary School: Sonia Strickland (HT).

The Anglican Missionary District - Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

Wed 10 **Scholastica, sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola, c.543**
Harlow (St Mary & St Hugh w St John the Baptist) Clergy: Sarah Swift (V).
Harlow Churchgate CE Primary School: Jonathan Tye (HT).

The Diocese of Angola - The Anglican Church of South Africa

Thu 11 Harlow (St Mary Magdalene)
Clergy: James Rodley (V), Garry Neave (AC).
The Diocese of Ankole - The Church of the Province of Uganda

Fri 12 Harlow Town Centre (St Paul w St Mary), Little Parndon TM
Clergy: Martin Harris (AD, TR), Jokey Poyzn (TV),
Nathan Joss-Pothen (A). Reader: Peter Smith.
The Diocese of North Ankole - The Church of the Province of Uganda

Sat 13 But gratitude points us outwards towards others. It has the capacity to spring the trap of the self. Like love, gratitude always reaches out.

In the same way, the thanksgiving that we offer as a Christian community to the God who comes to us in Jesus is always a gift for sharing, the energy that powers our generosity, and the grace that enables us to love as Christ has loved us.

In the present context, gratitude is also the response that will draw from us a vision for the future.

The Diocese of Northwest Ankole- The Church of the Province of Uganda

Sun 14 THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT
Racial Justice Sunday: Today is an opportunity to reflect on the importance of racial justice, to give thanks for human diversity, and pray for an end to misunderstanding, racism and injustice. Pray too for the work of the Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns Group.
PRAY for the Anglican Church of Canada

Mon 15 Sigfrid, Bishop, Apostle of Sweden, 1045
Thomas Bray, Priest, Founder of SPCK and SPG , 1730
Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977
Great Parndon (St Mary) Clergy: Richard Attew (PIC).
The Diocese of South Ankole - The Church of the Province of Uganda

Thu 18 Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher of the Faith, 386
Romford (St Edward the Confessor)
Clergy: David Simpson (Vicar), Roger Clarke (A), Dan Barnes-Davies (A).
St Edward's CE Academy: Jodie Hassan (HT).
St Edward's CE Primary School: Mr Chris Speller (HT).
The Diocese of Awori - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Fri 19 JOSEPH OF NAZARETH
Upminster (St Laurence)
Clergy: Susannah Brasier (R), Roy Murray (AC).
The Diocese of Ayod - The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Sat 20 Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687
Over this last year we have certainly seen both personal and corporate acts of folly and selfishness through Covid-19. But overwhelmingly we have also seen and celebrated often very hidden lives and actions of selfless service.

Alongside negligence and carelessness, we have also celebrated kindness, mutual caring, personal support. We have learned to bear with one another, recognising that all of us - whether we are feeling good or bad - are together experiencing significantly heightened levels of background stress.

Living in a quieter world, with many activities suspended, we have certainly had to battle with boredom and distraction. But at the same time, we have been invited to listen more deeply. Many of us long for simplicity but it often turns out to be an uncomfortable gift inviting us to go on an inner journey that takes us by surprise.

The Diocese of Badagry - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Sun 21 THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (PASSIONTIDE BEGINS)
Father, help us to be like Christ your Son, who loved the world and died for our salvation. Inspire us by his love, and guide us by his example. Amen.
PRAY for The Church of England

Sat 13 Christians have a clear biblical responsibility to grapple with the big issues of the environment. These are primary theological and spiritual issues which concern how we act as responsible stewards of the earth that God has placed under our care; how we address the huge issues of poverty and inequality that prevent so many millions sharing in the abundance of life that Jesus promises.

This is profoundly important and part of the mandate that the Gospel lays on us.

The Diocese of Aweil - The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Sun 14 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (MOTHERING SUNDAY)

Pray for mothers everywhere, give thanks for their love and devotion, and pray, too, for the work of the Mothers' Union and the Women's Institute and all who work untiringly to maintain the values of the home and family life.

PRAY for the Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Mon 15 Collier Row (St James) w Havering-atte-Bower (St John the Evangelist.)
Clergy: David Anderton (V), Geoff Clarke (A), Alan Moss (A).

Dame Tipping School: Amy Holmes (HT).

The Diocese of Awerial - The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Tue 16 Romford (St Alban)
Clergy: Roderick Hingley (V).

Romford (St Augustine of Canterbury)
Clergy: Martin Howse (V).

The Diocese of Awgu/Aninri - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Wed 17 Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c.460

Romford (St Andrew [& St Agnes])
Clergy: Lara Dose (R) (also Romford Town Centre Chaplain)

The Diocese of Awka - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Tue 16 Tye Green (St Stephen) w Netteswell (St Andrew)
Clergy: Darren McIndoe (PIC), Christian Okeke (AC), Anne Keeble (A).
Licensed Lay Minister: Karen Swanton.

William Martin CE Infant & Nursery School: Gina Bailey (HT).

William Martin CE Junior School: Gina Bailey (HT).

The Diocese of West Ankole - The Church of the Province of Uganda

Wed 17 Ash Wednesday

Latton (St Mary) Clergy: Lynn Hurry (V), Malcolm Green (A), Beth Joss-Pothen. Licensed Lay Minister: Piers Northam.

The Diocese of Antananarivo - The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Thu 18 Hatfield Broad Oak (St Mary Vn) w Bush End (St John the Evangelist)
Clergy: Revd Dawn Jewson (PIC), David Herrick (AC).

St Mary's CE Primary School: Sonia Strickland (Exec. HT).

The Diocese of Antsiranana - The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Fri 19 Hatfield Heath (Holy Trinity) w Sheering (St Mary Vn)
Clergy: Dawn Jewson (PIC), David Herrick (AC).

Sheering CE Primary School: Lorna Brittain (HT).

Staple Tye (St James) Clergy: Christian Okeke (PIC).

St James' CE Primary School: Gina Bailey (HT).

The Diocese of Araucania - Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Sat 20 The economist, and former governor of the Bank of England, Mark Carney, called one of his recent Reith Lectures "How We Get What We Value". He made the point strongly that if we only value things that we can put a price on, we are going to miss most of the important things about being human, the most important things that make life worth living.

Love, friendship, laughter, awe and wonder at the beauty of an unexpected snow fall or dawn breaking.

The Diocese of The Arctic - The Anglican Church of Canada

Sun 21 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Fairtrade Fortnight starts tomorrow. Pray for fairness and justice in our trading system globally, for fair prices for producers and a wide perspective for consumers in the impact of their choices.

Give thanks for the Fairtrade Movement, and local initiatives in our diocese which highlight fair-trade products and raise debate about economic justice for all.

Pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa

Mon 22 Fairtrade Fortnight begins

Nazeing (All Saints w St Giles) Clergy: Helen Gheorghiu Gould (PIC).
Roydon (St Peter) Clergy: Richard Attew (PIC).

The Diocese of Argentina - The Anglican Church of South America

Tue 23 Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c.155

Church Langley Clergy: Vacancy (V). Licensed Lay Minister: Lis Scott.

The Diocese of Northern Argentina - The Anglican Church of South America

Wed 24 Ember Day

The retired clergy, Readers and lay ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Harlow.

The Diocese of Argyll & The Isles - The Scottish Episcopal Church

Thu 25 The Deanery of Havering

Area Dean: Lynne Bennett. Lay Chair: Lynne Bennett.

Assistant Area Deans: Amanda Keighley, Shaun Moore, Ken Wylie.
Chaplains: Tim Coleman (Barking, Havering & Redbridge Hospitals NHS Trust); Lara Dose (Romford Town Centre).

The Diocese of Arizona - The Episcopal Church

Fri 26 Ember Day

Cranham (All Saints) Clergy: Marion Williams (R). Penny Brooks (A).

The Diocese of Arkansas - The Episcopal Church

Sun 7 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Pray that we will daily continue to listen to God and look for his purpose in our lives during this holy season of Lent.

PRAY for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

**Mon 8 Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910
Felix, Bishop, Apostle to the East Angles, 647
Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, Priest, Poet, 1929**

Hornchurch (Holy Cross) Clergy: Julian Patching (PIC).
Licensed Lay Minister: Donatus Nwobi.

Hornchurch (St Nicholas) [Elm Park] Clergy: Amanda Keighley (V),
Tom Keighley (AC), Marianne Hayward (A), David Perry (A).

The Diocese of Athabasca - The Anglican Church of Canada

Tue 9

Squirrels Heath (All Saints) [Ardleigh Green] Clergy: Chris Wragg (V).
North Ockenden (St Mary Magdalene) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC).

The Diocese of Athooch - The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Wed 10

Rainham (St Helen & St Giles) w Wennington (St Mary & St Peter)
Clergy: Elise Peterson (V), David Stainer (AC).

The Diocese of Atlanta - The Episcopal Church

Thu 11

South Hornchurch (St John & St Matthew)
Clergy: Kevin Browning (V).

Collier Row (The Ascension) Clergy: Alexandra Guest (PIC).

The Diocese of Auckland - The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Fri 12

Collier Row (The Good Shepherd)
Clergy: David Hague (V), Keith Turner (AC), David Harrigan (A).
Licensed Lay Minister: Kerry Shipley.

Licensed Lay Pioneer Minister: Marcus Giddy. Reader: Hosten Garraway.

The Diocese of North West Australia - The Anglican Church of Australia

Mon 1 David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c.601
 Cranham Park (St Luke) Clergy: Michael Vickers (V), Jenny Heinink (AC), Ken Perkins (AC), Christopher Cozier (A).
The Diocese of Armidale - The Anglican Church of Australia

Tue 2 Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672
Gidea Park (St Michael) Clergy: Daniel Kirk (V).
The Diocese of Arochukwy/Ohafia - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Wed 3 Harold Hill (St George) Clergy: Shaun Moore (V).
 Harold Hill (St Paul) and Noak Hill (St Thomas)
 Clergy: Russell Moul (V), Martin Bailey (AC).
The Diocese of Aru - Province de L'Eglise Anglicane du Congo

Thu 4 Harold Wood (St Peter)
 Clergy: Robert Hudson (V), Richard Power (AC), Andrew Bellis (A).
The Missionary Diocese of Asaba - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Fri 5 Women's World Day of Prayer
 Hornchurch (St Andrew) Clergy: Ken Wylie (V). Reader: Carole Sherratt.
The Diocese of Asante-Mampong - The Church of the Province of West Africa

Sat 6 Ember Day
 As the Bible and Christian tradition make very clear, God speaks through history and through our present experience. God is always inviting us to pay attention. A huge part of the Bible - from the Old Testament prophets, to the preaching of John the Baptist, to the teaching of Jesus - is asking us to look hard at what is happening in the world and in our lives. Then it is for us as a community to discern, to respond - and to be willing to learn, to change, and to grow as a result.
The Diocese of Saint Asaph - The Church in Wales

Sat 27 George Herbert, Priest, Poet, 1633
Ember Day
 Writers, composers and visual artists regularly affirm that boredom is a crucial part of the creative process. Underused space and apparently wasted time turn out to be crucial to our creative energy as human beings.

That suggests to me that we need to value the underused space in our lives more highly, to see it as a genuine opportunity.

And even – however challenging the restrictions we have faced in recent months – to welcome the constraints as a gift. It's challenging, certainly, but there is a Lent invitation to discern how the boredom can become liberated space, space where we can be ourselves in a deeply authentic way; space for re-creation; space to go on deeper journeys.
The Diocese of Armagh - The Church of Ireland

Sun 28 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
 Please pray for the success of the Bishop's Annual Appeal this year; that people may be moved to give generously.
Pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

New Bishop of Chelmsford is announced

On 17 December 2020 Downing Street announced that the Right Reverend Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani will be the next Bishop of Chelmsford, succeeding the Most Reverend Stephen Cottrell, who became Archbishop of York last year.

Bishop Guli is currently Bishop of Loughborough in the Diocese of Leicester, a post she has occupied since late 2017.

Speaking about her appointment, Bishop Guli said "It is a great privilege to be appointed as the next Bishop of Chelmsford. I know there are many challenges ahead both in the church and wider society, not least as a result of the pandemic. However, I am hopeful about the future.

"As Christian communities, I believe our task is to be faithful; to share the good news of Jesus Christ and to continue serving the world; to work well together and in partnership with others. In doing this, we'll discover the extent of God's love. I want to thank my friends and colleagues in Leicester Diocese where I have been very happy. I will be sad to say

goodbye, but at the same time I am very excited about this next chapter in my ministry"

People from across the diocese welcomed Bishop Guli in a special video which premiered on the day of the announcement and she was introduced to Essex and East London through a series of online events. Bishop Guli met virtually with Curates and some of our Licenced Lay Ministers in training; the Diocesan Refugee Ministry Team; as well as teachers and pupils from St Mary's Prittlewell C of E Primary School.

Bishop Guli also attended an online service at Chelmsford Cathedral hosted by Dean of Chelmsford, The Very Rev Nicholas Henshall.

Bishop Guli's predecessor as Bishop of Chelmsford, Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

said "It is with great joy that I welcome the appointment of Guli Francis-Dehqani as the next Bishop of Chelmsford. **Guli will bring to the exciting diversity of the Chelmsford diocese her breadth of vision, her international experience, her love of the gospel, her pastoral heart, and her passion for justice.** East London and Essex have an exciting new bishop."

Peter Hill, the Bishop of Barking and currently the Acting Bishop of Chelmsford welcomed Bishop Guli's appointment: "It is great news for East London and Essex that Bishop Guli will be joining us as our new diocesan bishop in 2021. **"Guli brings with her a passion to be outward looking in sharing the good news of Jesus, in serving our communities and caring for those in need.** I know too that she has a track record of deep concern for the well-being of the clergy and lay leaders of God's church.

"I am privileged and excited to welcome her on behalf of the whole Diocese of Chelmsford to this new adventure in ministry and leadership."

Canon Robert Hammond the Lay Chair of Chelmsford Diocesan Synod commented: **"Bishop Guli brings an amazing range of gifts and experience to the Diocese.**

We're looking forward to working with her to build on the good work already being done in our churches to share the Good News and be involved in social action, supporting the marginalised and addressing injustice across the diocese and beyond."

The welcome video and videos of Bishop Guli's welcome events can be viewed at chelmsford.anglican.org/our-new-bishop.

