

NOVEMBER 28 – DECEMBER 4

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PETERBOROUGH DEANERY

Rural Dean: Gillian Jessop
Lay Chairman: Frank Smith

Sunday 28 November

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

*Kimberley & Kuruman (South Africa) Bishop Oswald Swartz
The Porvoo Churches - St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane*

Monday 29 November

Peterborough Christ the Carpenter

Vicar: Nigel Fry (Heather)
Asst Curate (SSM): Susan Rolfe (Phil)
Lead Youth Worker: Mark Budner (Madeline)
Pray for the Sparx youth project based at Christ the Carpenter and the PEI Zone shop on Central Avenue: for its outreach into the community and the financial support it needs. Pray for the many activities on the church site and those who staff them, including Little Steps Nursery, Parents United and Mums & Tots. Pray for the primary schools at Dogsthorpe, Welland and Marshfields, and for the Church Together assemblies team who visit them. Pray for Welland House and The Peverels residential homes, facing a time of transition. Give thanks for the staff there and the pastoral team visiting and taking Communion. Pray for the ecumenical chaplaincy team at the Thomas Deacon Academy as they build relationships with staff and students. Pray for the healthy and growing relationship between denominations in the area and the commitment made to unity in the Ecumenical Vision Statement agreed by the PCC and Dogsthorpe Methodist Church.

Kindu (Congo) Bishop Zacharie Masimango Katanda

Tuesday 30 November

Andrew the Apostle

Community of the Holy Name, Peterborough House

Pray for Sister Pauline and Sister Lynfa and for the prayer and witness of the Community on the Welland Estate and beyond.

Kinkizi (Uganda) Bishop John Ntegyereze

Wednesday 1 December

World Aids Day

God of all the nations, so many of your children are crying out to you worn down by injustice and suffering. Help us to fulfil our goal of helping to make real the vision that Christ spoke of as "the kingdom of God" where justice reigns. Help us to foster compassion one for another, tolerating damage to no one and oppression by no system. As we remember those living with HIV at this time may we use all our energy and imagination and trusting in your steadfast love be united in conquering disease and fear. [Christian Aid prayer]

Oakham Archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral Committee

Kinshasa (Congo) Vacant

Thursday 2 December

Peterborough St John the Baptist

Vicar: Gordon Steele (Maria)
Give thanks for the physical developments in and around St John's this year, providing much needed facilities inside the church, making it more inviting and accessible, and integrating it into a more spacious city centre landscape. We now embark upon fresh work, and with help from the Diocesan Mission Enabler and others, we pray for a clear discernment of the detail of our mission-vocation. We sense we are called to be a Christian community that provides welcome and hospitality, spiritual space and tranquility, and stepping stones into, and along, the Christian journey, using to the full both the parish church and our daughter church, St Luke's, which is set in the midst of a multi-faith residential area.

Social Justice and Public Affairs meeting

Kirinyaga (Kenya) Bishop Daniel Munene Ngoru

Friday 3 December

Peterborough St Jude

Vicar: Geoffrey Keating
(Catherine)

Reader: Tony Bond

Kisangani (Congo) Bishop Lambert Funga Botolome

Saturday 4 December

Bungoma Diocese: Sikata

The Ven Evans Wanyonyi

Kita Kanto (Japan) Bishop Zerubbabel Katsuichi Hirota

DECEMBER 5 - DECEMBER 11 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PETERBOROUGH DEANERY

Rural Dean: Gillian Jessop
Lay Chairman: Frank Smith

Sunday 5 December

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and forever. Amen

*The Lusitanian Church (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury)
(Portugal) Bishop Fernando Soares
The Porvoo Churches - Chester, Kuopio*

Monday 6 December

Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c. 326

Peterborough St Mark with St Barnabas

Priest in Charge: John Price (Cynthia)

Reader: Sandra Baugh

Kitale (Kenya) Bishop Stephen Kewasis Nyorsok

Tuesday 7 December

Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397

Peterborough St Mary

Priest in Charge: Vacant

Assistant Curate: Michael Moore (Sue)

Readers: Marion Betts, Mair John

Lay Pastoral Minister: Sue Moore

Father, thank you for the blessings you have bestowed upon us this past year. We thank you for the development of our Pastoral Team and the work they are now undertaking within the Church and community. We thank you for our men's activities and the outreach and fellowship they are creating. Send your Holy Spirit on St Mary's, so that your kingdom will be built here in Peterborough and give to those in authority clear minds when choosing our new priest.

Schools' Curriculum Committee

Kitgum (Uganda) Bishop Benjamin Ojwang

Wednesday 8 December

The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Bungoma Diocese: Chebukutumi

The Revd Fred Simiyo

Trusts and Development Committee

Kitui (Kenya) Bishop Josephat Vundi Mule

Thursday 9 December

Parish Magazine Editors

God of truth, we thank you for the ministry of all who edit parish magazines within our communities, for their vision, commitment and attention to detail. Bless and guide, we pray, all who serve you in this way; give them wisdom, energy and graciousness, that with concern for your truth and a heart for your people, they may use their talents wisely to publish your Gospel of love, through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh.

[Prayer from the Church of England website]

Finance and Administration Committee Glebe and Trust Committee

Kobe (Japan) Bishop Andrew Yutaka Nakamura

Friday 10 December

Ember Day

The King's School, Peterborough

Head: Gary Longman

Pray and ask God to look in love upon the family of this school; governors, staff, students, parents and friends. We ask: That God grant us courage and cheerfulness in facing the spiritual challenges before us. That he may make us loyal and unselfish in our dealings with one another. That he helps us to give of our best both in work and leisure.

Schools' Support Committee

Koforidua (West Africa) Bishop Francis Quashie

Saturday 11 December

Ember Day

Thorpe Hall, Peterborough

Chaplain: Anna Garvie

Please pray for this Sue Ryder hospice on the outskirts of Peterborough, which cares for up to 20 patients, mainly suffering from cancer, and the Day Centre which provides day care for about 50 people with severe neurological problems. Pray for all the patients and their families who are cared for there. Pray for the staff and volunteers in their different roles and responsibilities.

Kollhapur (North India) Bishop Bathuel Ramchandra Tiwade

DECEMBER 12 – DECEMBER 18

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PETERBOROUGH DEANERY

Rural Dean: Gillian Jessop
Lay Chairman: Frank Smith

Sunday 12 December

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

*The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury), Bishop Carlos López-Lozano
The Porvoo Churches - Southwell and Nottingham, Borg*

Monday 13 December

Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 394

Peterborough St Paul

Priest in Charge: Ron Watkinson (Val)
St Paul's, New England, is in a diverse cultural area with many needs and challenges. Pray for regeneration plans for the area and the role of St Paul's in these. Pray for the growth, spiritually and numerically, of our church and the two congregations in sheltered housing complexes. Give thanks for church members involved in local politics, as volunteers in the community, and at Peterborough Prison. Continue to thank God for his goodness to us.

Kondoa (Tanzania) Bishop Yohana Zakaria Mkavu

Tuesday 14 December

John of the Cross, Poet, Teacher of the Faith, 1591

Werrington St John the Baptist with Emmanuel

Vicar: George Rogers (Bonnie)
Assistant Priest: Sylvia Kinder (David)
Hon. Associate Minister: Charles May (Joyce)
Readers: Sheila Breeze, Michael Cooper, Peter Harwood
David Lowe, Michael Pearson, Andrew Walker, Hilary Walker

Lay Pastoral Ministers: Jan Lowe
Val Watkinson (Administrator)

Youth Worker: Decca Rioldino

William Law CEVA Primary School

Head: Tracey Cunningham
Pray that we will be able to discern where

people are growing spiritually and provide the right resources to encourage them to become Fully Devoted Followers of Christ. Pray for The Way Inn community house staff Jane Barton, Bev Robinson and volunteers. We would value prayer for Tracey Cunningham as she takes up the Headship of William Law School.

Kontagora (Province of Abuja, Nigeria) Bishop Jonah Ibrahim

Wednesday 15 December

Bungoma Diocese: Lwakhakha

The Revd Moses Marango

Kootneay (British Columbia & the Yukon, Canada) Bishop John Elswood Privett

Thursday 16 December

The Peterborough School

Chaplain: Tim Whitwell

Please pray for all those involved in the life of this Woodard (Anglican) school community, that the spirit of truth, compassion and counsel will guide the teaching, support work and boarding care which it provides. Pray for wisdom in school decision-making and a deeper awareness of the presence of God in all things.

Krishna-Godavari (South India) Bishop G Dyvasirvadani

Friday 17 December

Cathedral of St Peter, St Paul & St Andrew

Dean: Charles Taylor (Catherine)
Canon Missioner: Jonathan Baker (Susan)
Canon Precentor: Bruce Ruddock (Vivien)
Archdeacon of Oakham & Canon Residentiary: David Painter

Reader: Ken Newitt

Lay Pastoral Minister: Joanne Dalrymple-Smith
Lay Chaplain to The King's School:

Helena del Pino

Please pray for continuing work on our development project to plan the Cathedral's mission and ministry up to 2018 (Peterborough 900).

Kubwa (Province of Abuja, Nigeria) Bishop Duke Akamisoko

Saturday 18 December

Peterborough NHS Hospital Trust

Chaplains: Richard Higgins
David Parkes

Almighty God, may the foundation of the work of all the staff be that of caring, helping and sharing the healing love of God amongst all the people it is called to serve.

Kuching (South East Asia) Bishop Bolly Anak Lapok

DECEMBER 19 - DECEMBER 25
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PETERBOROUGH DEANERY

Rural Dean: Gillian Jessop
Lay Chairman: Frank Smith

Sunday 19 December

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

The Falkland Islands (Extra Provincial to Canterbury), The Revd Dr Richard Hines

The Porvoo Churches - Oslo, Durham, Moray Ross and Caithness

Monday 20 December

HMP Peterborough

Chaplain: Tim Harling

Pray for this local prison with a continually changing population. Pray for the whole chaplaincy team as they seek to support the inmates, staff and management.

Kumasi (West Africa) Bishop Daniel Yinka Sarfo

Tuesday 21 December

Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers

President: Brenda Dixon

Almighty God, giver of strength and skill, bless the work of the Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers. Guide the ringers in the exercise of their art; may their ringing proclaim your presence in every place and give eternal glory to your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Kumi (Uganda) Bishop Thomas Edison Irigei

Wednesday 22 December

Diocesan Administration

Diocesan Secretary: Richard Pestell

Pray for all the financial and administrative staff at the Diocesan Office in Peterborough and at Bouverie Court in Northampton, as they work in support of the diocese.

Kurunagala (Ceylon) Bishop Kumara Illangasinghe

Thursday 23 December

Those training for ministry

Pray for those in the diocese who are in training for ministry, whether lay or ordained, that they may be sustained in their studies and in their spiritual development.

Church of Bangladesh Bishop Paul Sishir Sarkar

Friday 24 December

Christmas Eve

Diocese of Bungoma: Chwele and Netima

The Revd Edward Simiyu

Christmas Eve collect:

Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Kutigi (Province of Abuja, Nigeria) Bishop Jeremiah Ndana Kolo

Saturday 25 December

Christmas Day

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Kwara (Province of Ibadan, Nigeria) Bishop Segun Adeyemi

DECEMBER 26 - JANUARY 1

STEPHEN, DEACON FIRST MARTYR

BRACKLEY DEANERY
Rural Dean: Roger Bellamy
Lay Chairman: Philippa Macmahon

Sunday 26 December

Gracious Father, who gave the first martyr Stephen grace to pray for those who took up stones against him: grant that in all our sufferings for the truth we may learn to love even our enemies and to seek forgiveness for those who desire our hurt, looking up to heaven to him who was crucified for us, Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

*The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia
Aotearoa - (New Zealand), Archbishop William Brown Turei
and Bishops Ngarahu Katene, Te Kitohi Pikaahu, John Robert
Kuru Gray, Muru Walters
The Porvoo Churches - Uleåborg, Coventry*

Monday 27 December

John, Apostle and Evangelist

Deanery of Brackley

Please ask God to bless us as we revisit our Deanery Mission Plan, prepare for a Deanery Day and look forward to welcoming new clergy to the new benefice (Aston le Walls, Byfield, Boddington, Eydon and Woodford Halse).

Kwoi - (Province of Abuja, Nigeria) Bishop Paul Zamani

Tuesday 28 December

The Holy Innocents

The Astwick Vale Benefice:

Aynho St Michael

Croughton All Saints Evenley St George

Farthinghoe St Michael & All Angels

Hinton-in-the-Hedges The Most Holy

Trinity

Steane St Peter

Rector: Gill Barker
Assistant Curate: Eddie Smith (Jennifer)
Readers: Carrie O'Regan
William Usher

Croughton All Saints CEVC Primary School

Head: Veneeta Rayner

Gracious God, may we listen to you, to each other and the needs of people near and far, and respond with generosity of heart and love to do your will in this place. Pour your many blessings upon our parishes and our schools.

Kyoto - (Japan) Bishop Stephen Takashi Kochi

Wednesday 29 December

Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1170

The Bishop of Brixworth

Pray for Bishop Donald and all others involved in the selection of a new Bishop of Brixworth.

Kyushu - (Japan) Bishop Gabriel Shoji Igarashi

Thursday 30 December

Interfaith dialogue

Pray for respect and understanding for all those engaged in dialogue with people of other faiths in our diocese.

*Lafia - (Province of Abuja, Nigeria) Bishop Miller Kangdim
Maza*

Friday 31 December

The naming and circumcision of Jesus

Hope for Peterborough service

Pray for churches of all denominations in the city of Peterborough attending a new year service in the Cathedral this evening. Pray for their work as the body of Christ in the city during the coming year.

*Lagos - (Province of Lagos, Nigeria) Archbishop Ephraim
Adebola Ademowo, Bishops Peter Adebiji and Adebayo Akinde*

Saturday 1 January

The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

Bungoma Diocese: Chwele Primary School

The Revd Edward Simiyu.

*International Anglican Family Network (IAFN) as it considers
issues and problems affecting families in an international
context, that its communications and consultations will resource,
promote and encourage practical projects and work in Anglican
communities.*

Note

Please note that whilst great care has been taken to ensure the accuracy of information included in the Cycle of Prayer, some changes may have taken place since it was printed.

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