



# Prayer Diary

June 2021

*“Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit says the Lord.”*

Zechariah 4:6



When the pandemic started and churches went into lockdown, some people drew comparisons with the experience of exile. We were exiled not just from our church buildings, but from one another. Our experience was in some ways entirely unlike the Israelites' experience of exile – they were beaten by an invading enemy and many of their population carried off to live in a foreign land – but their

experience of sudden overwhelming crisis with the loss of all that was familiar to them has some echoes for us today. The people of Israel found that despite being taken into exile, away from the places God had chosen for them, God was still with them. In spite of the trauma, it became a time of spiritual growth. And perhaps that has been your experience of this past year – that in spite of all the losses and difficulties, God has been with us and drawn close to us.

But now, we hope and pray our time of exile is coming to an end - perhaps, we can continue to learn from the experience of the biblical exile? Like the Israelites, we are returning to the places and spaces so long forbidden to us. The Israelites had to rebuild their Temple, whereas we have to rebuild the church in different ways. Zerubbabel was the governor of Jerusalem who began the rebuilding of the Temple, and the prophet Zechariah speaks God's prophecy to him: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit! Maybe that is a word to hold on to in all the opportunities and challenges of a post-pandemic church. In these weeks that follow Pentecost, may we rely on the Spirit of God to guide us, sustain us, inspire us and equip us in all God calls us to be and to do. Amen.

**Revd Kate Massey**  
*Dean of Women's Ministry*

## Cov 365



Cov 365 is an open invitation to all Coventry based Christians to contribute to unceasing worship and prayer from the start to the end of Coventry City of Culture Year – every hour of the day, every day from May 15 2021 to May 14 2022!

The Cov 365 team are a small group of Christians from different churches and denominations who all live and worship in Coventry. They are united together by a vision for the City of Culture year to be a time where Christians can come together to pray unceasingly for the city.

Hourly prayer slots can be booked via the Cov365 website. Individuals, families, churches, prayer groups, life groups, friendship groups, Christian charities and more are all welcome to sign up.

One of the leaders of Cov 365, Darren, will be hosting a weekly Zoom meeting for church leaders at 10am each Thursday (<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6685498795> Meeting ID: 668 549 8795) where leaders can find out how to get involved and be updated on the project.

Find out more and sign up for prayer slots on the Cov 365 website - [www.cov365.co.uk](http://www.cov365.co.uk)

# Cycle of Prayer - June 2021

With a focus on parishes and schools in Kenilworth Deanery

**Tue 1** Berkswell St John the Baptist. Clergy: Mark Bratton. Readers: Steve Bell, Richard Hollingdale. We pray for God's blessing upon the church members and the local community.  
\*Justin, Martyr at Rome, c.165

**Wed 2** June is Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Awareness Month. Six people per day are diagnosed with MND in the UK. MND is a fatal disease that attacks the nerves that control movement so muscles no longer work. We pray for all those who suffer with MND and pray that a cure can be found.

**Thu 3** Stoneleigh and Ashow. Clergy: Interregnum. Reader: Audrey Rowberry. We pray for the advertising process as we search for a new vicar. We also pray for our churchwardens and all those helping and supporting us during this vacancy period.  
*Corpus Christi*  
\*The Martyrs of Uganda, 1886 and 1978

**Fri 4** Berkswell Primary School. Headteacher: Tracy Drew. We pray for God's blessing on this school community and we give thanks for all the pupils, teachers, staff, parents and governors.  
\*Petroc, Abbot of Padstow, 6th century

**Sat 5** Today is World Environment Day. We pray that God would help us to remember that the environment is home to all life, and that we must take up responsibility to ensure that all life is respected.  
\*Boniface (Wynfrith) of Crediton, Bishop, Apostle of Germany, Martyr, 754

**Sun 6** Kenilworth St Nicholas and St Barnabas. Clergy: Stella Bailey, Richard Moore, Alison Baxter. Readers: Karen Mottram, Margaret Bull, Heather Alford. We pray for God's blessing upon the church members and the local community.  
*First Sunday after Trinity*  
\*Ini Kopuria, Founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945

**Mon 7** We give thanks for the ministry of retired clergy and the support they provide in so many ways to the lives of our churches across the diocese. We also pray that new clergy and their families will settle in quickly and feel at home in Coventry Diocese.  
We pray for the Diocesan Business Committee which meets this morning.

**Tue 8** Burton Green Primary School. Headteacher: Andrew Morris. We pray for God's blessing on this school community and we give thanks for all the pupils, teachers, staff, parents and governors.  
\*Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, Nonjuror, Hymn Writer, 1711

**Wed 9** We pray for Richard Cooke, DDO and Principal of the Diocesan Training Partnership and for all members of the DTP team.  
\*Columba, Abbot of Iona, Missionary, 597  
\*Ephrem of Syria, Deacon, Hymn Writer, Teacher of the Faith, 373

**Thu 10** All Saints' Primary School, Leek Wootton. Headteacher: Andrew Morris. We pray for God's blessing on this school community and we give thanks for all the pupils, teachers, staff, parents and governors.

**Fri 11** Kenilworth St John. Clergy: Andrew Attwood, Lambert Maudsley. Readers: Anthony Manning, Ken Pollard, Phil Sowards, Val Whiteman. We pray that as we return to face to face meetings, we go much deeper in our devotion to God, seeking to know his presence. We also pray that we are able to hear from God more clearly in terms of future activity and missional opportunities.  
*Barnabas the Apostle*

**Sat 12** During National Carers' Week many charities work together to recognise the contribution carers make to local communities, lobby MPs and offer support and encouragement to carers. We pray for all those who give their time to care for others and ask for God's blessing on all carers.

**Sun 13** All Saints Leek Wootton. Clergy: Jim Perryman. Readers: Audrey Rowberry, Nigel Stallard. We pray for God's blessing upon the church members and the local community.  
*Second Sunday after Trinity*

**Mon 14** This week is Diabetes Awareness Week. One in fifteen people in the UK have diabetes. For many it is a lifelong condition that has a great impact on day to day life. We pray for all those living with diabetes, as well as scientists researching new treatments for the disease.  
We pray for the Diocesan Audit Committee which meets today.

**Tue 15** This week is Loneliness Awareness Week. The aim of this week is to create a society where loneliness is recognised openly as something likely to affect us all. Social distancing has amplified loneliness among old and young. We pray for all those who are experiencing loneliness.  
\*Evelyn Underhill, Spiritual Writer, 1941

**Wed 16** We pray for the Diocesan Board of Education which meets today.  
\*Richard, Bishop of Chichester, 1253  
\*Joseph Butler, Bishop of Durham, Philosopher, 1752

**Thu 17** Meriden and Packington, St Laurence. Clergy: Interregnum. Reader: Peter Wright. We pray for God's blessing upon the church members and the local community.  
\*Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, Social Reformers, 1913 and 1936

**Fri 18** Today we pray for Together for Change, a joint venture between the Diocese of Coventry and the Church Urban Fund. We pray for the charity's work in setting up social enterprises and local projects that will support sustainable community transformation and tackle poverty in Coventry and Warwickshire.  
\*Bernard Mizeki, Apostle of the MaShona, Martyr, 1896

**Sat 19** This week is Refugee Week. We pray for all those who are separated from their loved ones and homeland and those who have fled persecution and are searching for peace and security. We pray, too, for the vital work of the Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre, and that we would find ways of supporting and welcoming refugees into our communities.

**Sun 20** Today is Father's Day. We give thanks for our fathers and father figures in our lives. We also pray for those who have lost their fathers or have difficult relationships with their fathers. We thank God for being our heavenly father.  
*Third Sunday after Trinity*

**Mon 21** Meriden Primary School. Headteacher: Lucy Anderton. We pray for God's blessing on this school community and we give thanks for all the pupils, teachers, staff, parents and governors.

**Tue 22** We thank God for the Cathedral Chaplains and their faithful work. We pray for them as they engage with, and minister to, visitors to both the new Cathedral and the ruins of the old Cathedral.  
We pray for Diocesan Synod which meets today.  
\*Alban, first Martyr of Britain, c.250

**Wed 23** Today is International Widow's Day, a UN ratified day of action to address the poverty & injustices faced by millions of widows and their dependents. We pray for an end to the social stigmatisation and economic deprivation of widows.  
\*Etheldreda, Abbess of Ely, c.678

**Thu 24** The Ferncumbe Group. Clergy: Keith Mobberley. Reader: Kemble Everitt. We pray for God's blessing upon the church members and the local community.  
We pray for the Bishop's Core Staff Team which meets today.  
*The Birth of John the Baptist*

**Fri 25** June is SANDS awareness month. The stillbirth and neonatal death charity (SANDS) wants to offer care not only for people who have lost babies after they were born, but for women who have miscarried too. We pray for God's comfort and hope for all families who are affected by the loss of a baby.

**Sat 26** We praise God for the wide variety of music available to us and for the songs and hymns that have helped us in our faith journey. We pray that God would stir us in musical worship and bless all those who lead, sing and play instruments.  
We pray for the Deanery Representatives at the Support Fund Meeting today.

**Sun 27** St Nicholas' Primary School, Kenilworth. Headteacher: Sarah Rayson. We pray for God's blessing on this school community and we give thanks for all the pupils, teachers, staff, parents and governors.  
*Fourth Sunday after Trinity*  
\*Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 444

**Mon 28** We pray for all the young people in the Cathedral community, particularly the choristers, as they work hard at school as well as maintaining their faithful commitment to helping lead worship.  
\*Irenæus, Bishop of Lyons, Teacher of the Faith, c.200

**Tue 29** We pray for the Finance and Administration department of the diocese. We pray for the Operations department of the diocese and for the DAC. We give thanks for each of these members of staff.  
*Peter and Paul, Apostles*

**Wed 30** Ferncumbe Primary School, Hatton. Headteacher: Sally Morris. We pray for God's blessing on this school community and we give thanks for all the pupils, teachers, staff, parents and governors.  
We pray for the Diocesan Finance Group which meets this morning.

# Called Vocations Course

Are you or someone you know interested in exploring God's calling?

Called: Mission, Ministry & Me - Vocations Course



This course is open to all. It provides a space to think together about what it means to be called by God, to take our place in the mission of God, and to give opportunity to explore both lay and ordained Christian vocation. It will include teaching, discussion, guest speakers and some time for reflection and prayer. We hope it will be enjoyable, encouraging and helpful to you in identifying your next step, whatever that may be.

Previous attendees have said:

- *"Extremely helpful to explore vocation options"*
- *"You offered people the opportunity to hear from and talk to people who have been through this stuff and are actively following their individual vocations."*
- *"I realised that vocation is a lifetime journey not a specific end point to be striving for"*

We will be running Called: Mission, Ministry & Me in three different formats:

**1 day conference:** Saturday 19 June 2021, 9:30am - 1:00pm (online)

**5 week course:** Wednesday evenings, 7:30-9:30pm, 15 September - 13 October 2021, All Saints Church, Emscote, Warwick (will move online if necessary)

**2 day retreat\*\*\*:** TO BE CONFIRMED

Each event will cover the same content but with appropriate different emphases and amendments according to the time available and the style of event.

Any enquiries or to find out more, please email [jen.stewart@coventry.anglican.org](mailto:jen.stewart@coventry.anglican.org)

# Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer

A new Christian landmark is to be built in the Midlands. Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer will be a huge, thought-provoking piece of public art, aiming to kindle conversations about prayer.

The iconic structure will be constructed using one million bricks, each brick featuring an answered prayer. This Christian landmark will make hope visible by digitally linking visitors with a database of one million answered prayers, using interactive technology and a bespoke app. Visitors will be able to use their smart device, holding it against any brick to read the individual answered prayers.

Built near Coleshill on the outskirts of Birmingham, Eternal Wall will stand at 169 feet, eclipsing the size of the Angel of the North, and is expected to attract 300,000 visitors each year. 500,000 journeys will see Eternal Wall every week from the M6, M42, HS2, and flight paths from Birmingham Airport.

The team at Eternal Wall believe it will give people and communities hope that God hears them, answers prayer and can change circumstances. They would love visitors to be able to access answered prayers that demonstrate the full breadth of Christian experience; from different denominations, countries and points in history; workplaces and family situations. If you are part of a Christian network, whether workplace/leisure based, intercessory, educational or evangelistic, they would love to connect with you.

Find out more about the project and how you can get involved on the Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer website - [www.eternalwall.org.uk](http://www.eternalwall.org.uk).

