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| ***Transformed Lives -Growing Church – Building Community***  **The Diocese of Derby Cycle of Prayer**  **The 2027 Community of Prayer**  We are the Diocese of Derby network of prayer – praying together, as we prepare to celebrate our centenary in 2027, for transformed lives in growing church and building community the length and breadth of our diocese. We hope that over the next three years, 2027 people will commit to regular prayer, as individuals, churches, groups or schools.  Every day the cycle gives a prompt to prayer for the mission and ministry of the Diocese of Derby. Please include these prayers along with The Diocesan Vision Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer in your daily intercessions.  ***Diocesan Vision Prayer***  Gracious God,  in your mercy, and for your glory,  renew us, reshape us, revive us –  with generous faith, courageous hope, and life-giving love –  that, in transformed lives, through growing church and building community,  we may see your Kingdom come  and be good news for all.  Amen.  **April 2025**  **Mercia Deanery,**  **Holy Week & Easter** | |
| 1st | For the Area Dean Stephen Short, for the Lay Chair, Synod Secretary and Treasurer. For the Deanery Synod and for all the parish representatives.  *Mercia Deanery* |
| 2nd | For the parishes of All Saints’ Aston-on-Trent, St Bartholomew’s Elvaston, St Mary’s Weston-on-Trent and Shardlow, St Wilfrid’s Barrow-upon-Trent with Twyford and St James’ Swarkestone in vacancy. For the Wardens, PCC and everyone supporting the ongoing ministry of the church.  For the Sale & Davys CE Primary and Weston on Trent CE Primary schools , its headteacher, teachers, support staff, pupils, governors and parents.  *Mercia Deanery* |
| 3rd | For the parishes of St Saviour Foremark and St Wystan’s Repton with Newton Solney and for the ministry of Stephen Short. For the Wardens, PCC and everyone supporting the ongoing ministry of the church  *Mercia Deanery* |
| 4th | For the parish of St Mary and St George’s Gresley and the ministry of Mike Firbank. For the Wardens, PCC, church officers together with all lay leaders in the mission to the local community.  For St George's CE Primary school its headteacher, teachers, support staff, pupils, governors and parents.  *Mercia Deanery* |
| 5th | For all the parishes of St Michael and St Mary’s Melbourne, St George’s Ticknall, St James’ Smisby and St Michael’s Stanton-by-Bridge in vacancy. For the Wardens, PCC and everyone supporting the ongoing ministry of the church  *Mercia Deanery* |
| 6th | **Lent 5 – Passion Sunday**  **Giving thanks for the Victory of the Cross, that we might prepare ourselves to keep Holy week and to know the saving love of Jesus as we mark these days as His disciples.** |
| 7th | For the Parish of St John’s Newhall, for the ministry of Patrick Douglas. For the Wardens, PCC and everyone supporting the ongoing ministry of the church  *Mercia Deanery* |
| 8th | For the Parish of St Peter’s Stapenhill with Caudwell and the ministry of Steve Boswell and the ministry of Michael Andreyev. For the Wardens, PCC, church officers and leaders.  *Mercia Deanery* |
| 9th | For the parish of Stapenhill Immanuel and the ministry of Philip Bosher. For the Wardens, PCC, church officers and leaders.  *Mercia Deanery* |
| 10th | For the Parish of Emmanuel’s Swadlincote and St Peter’s Hartshorne for the ministry of Kara Gander. For the Wardens, PCCs and all church officers, for the outreach to the community.  For Hartshorne CE Primary, Netherseal, St Peter's CE Primary and Rosliston CE Primary schools its headteacher, teachers, support staff, pupils, governors and parents.  *Mercia Deanery* |
| 11th | For the Parish of St Mark’s Winshill and Bretby, for the ministry Philip Bosher. For the Wardens, PCC and church officers. For the mission to the local community.  *Mercia Deanery* |
| 12th | For the parish of St Laurence Seale and Lullington with Coton in the Elms in vacancy. For the Wardens, PCC and all those caring for the ministry of parish.  For Coton in the Elms CE Primary school its headteacher, teachers, support staff, pupils, governors and parents.  *Mercia Deanery* |
| 13th | **Palm Sunday**  **For these ‘holy’ days, that we might keep this week as a time of repentance in the knowledge of God’s forgiveness in the events of the first Holy Week.**  *We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,*  *because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.*  *(During Holy Week and Easter Week, the cycle of prayer uses the some of the petitions and liturgical responses from the Church of England).* |
| 14th | **Holy Monday**  For the mission of the church, all church members that we may proclaim the good news of the gospel, and repent of the times we have not done this or missed the opportunity to show love.  *We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,*  *because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.* |
| 15th | **Holy Tuesday**  For the ministry of nurture, that we might seek to teach, baptise and nurture new believers, as we repent of our failure to welcome all in the past.  *We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,*  *because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.* |
| 16th | **Holy Wednesday**  For the call to serve those in need, that all of us will respond to human need by loving service and we repent of the times we have failed to respond.  *We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,*  *because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.* |
| 17th | **Maundy Thursday**  For our witness to the love shown to us in Jesus, that we might seek to transform unjust structures of society, and to repent of all the times when we have failed to speak out.  *We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,*  *because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.* |
| 18th | **Good Friday**  Today we give thanks for the Victory of the Cross, as we remember the redemption of the world through the saving love of Jesus at Calvary.  *We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,*  *because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.* |
| 19th | **Easter Eve**  For this time of waiting, praying for the gift of patience that we may be willing to await God’s grace especially in times of crisis.  *We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,*  *because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.* |
| 20th | **EASTER DAY**  **We celebrate this Easter Day, for the gift of Christ’s resurrection, for the good news of life lived in all its fullness and for the promise of eternal life.**  *Alleluia Christ is Risen!* |
| 21st | **Easter Monday**  For for the vocation to be Christ’s disciples among the people and communities of Derbyshire, and to walk his risen life with our fellow Christians.  *Alleluia Christ is Risen!* |
| 22nd | **Easter Tuesday**  For for our children and young people that all may know the Easter story, and value the message of new life in their lives.  *Alleluia Christ is Risen!* |
| 23rd | **Easter Wednesday**  For those who are elderly in our congregations, giving thanks for a lifetime witness to the resurrection and Gospel message of love.  *Alleluia Christ is Risen!* |
| 24th | **Easter Thursday**  For new vocations to work as missionaries and pioneers, that new generations may receive the call of the gospel.  *Alleluia Christ is Risen!* |
| 25th | **Easter Friday**  For vocations to the ordained and religious life, for young people to be called into the service of the church and nation.  *Alleluia Christ is Risen!* |
| 26th | **Easter Saturday**  For the renewal of the church and faith in our country, for the love of the Gospel and a refreshed vision of the Christian churches in our nation.  *Alleluia Christ is Risen!* |
| 27th | **Low Sunday - Easter 2**  **We pray that during these forty Great Days of Easter, our discipleship may be renewed as we seek follow Jesus daily.**  *Alleluia Christ is Risen!* |
| 28th | For the parish of St Laurence’s Walton-on-Trent with St John the Baptist’s Croxall, St Mary’s Rosliston with Linton and Castle Gresley for the ministry of Derek Arnold. For the Wardens, PCC and everyone supporting the ongoing ministry of the church.  For Walton-on-Trent CE Primary & Nursery school its headteacher, teachers, support staff, pupils, governors and parents.  *Mercia Deanery* |
| 29th | For the Bishop’s House Team, for the Bishop’s Chaplain, the Bishop’s Executive Assistant, the Operations Co-ordinator and the Office Administrator |
| 30th | For the Bishop of Repton’s Office, for the Archdeacon’s Offices and Personal Assistants. |
| **Next Month the Prayer Diary will focus on the Dove and Derwent Deanery**  If you have any special events coming up in April please let Cameron Butland know via email by 10th March – thank you [cameron.butland@derby.anglican.org](mailto:cameron.butland@derby.anglican.org)  We encourage you to be part of the 2027 Community of Prayer and register at [**www.derby.anglican.org/2027**](http://www.derby.anglican.org/2027).  **Acknowledgement of Holy Week and Easter Week** petitions and liturgical responses, Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England, material from which is included in this service, is copyright © The Archbishop’s Council 2000.  ***Editorial Note*** *– over the coming year the revised format for the diocesan cycle of prayer focus on a different deanery for each month. Please understand and forgive any errors or omissions, as this new format takes shape. You can also help by emailing Cameron Butland with the correct information for future use, thank you.* | |