Intercession List for March 2017

Please pray for:

- **Diocesan Bishop**: Bishop David
- **Bishop of Bolton**: Bishop Mark
- **Bishop of Middleton**: Bishop Mark
- **Bishop of Beverley**: Bishop Glyn
- **Bishop of Maidstone**: Bishop Rod
- **Dean**: Rogers Govender
- **Archdeacons**: David Bailey, David Sharples, Cherry Vann

Also:

Our companion Link Dioceses of:
- Namibia, the clergy and people, together with their bishop, the Rt Revd Luke Lungile Pato. (N)
- Lahore, the clergy and people, together with their bishop, the Rt Revd Irfan Jamil. (L)
- Our partnership with the Diocese of Tampere, Finland, (Porvoo Communion) the clergy and people together with their bishop, the Rt Revd Matti Repo. (P)
- Our historic friendship with the Diocese of Melbourne, Australia, the clergy and people, together with their bishop, the Most Revd Philip Freier and the regional bishops.

Note: entries marked (Porvoo) are taken from ‘The Porvoo Churches Invitation to Prayer’.
Entries marked (ACP) are taken from the Anglican Cycle of Prayer.

1 Wed  **Ash Wednesday.**
St Mary the Virgin, Bury: Revd Rhiannon Jones.
**Pray for those with responsibility for appointing a new Rector at Bury Parish Church and everyone that has taken on additional duties during the interregnum.**
**ACP**: Mandalay - (Myanmar) The Rt Revd David Nyi Nyi Naing.

2 Thurs  **Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672.**
St Paul, Bury: Revd Rhiannon Jones.
**Pray for this parish.**
**ACP**: Manicaland - (Central Africa) The Rt Revd Erick Ruwona.

3 Fri  Ramsbottom and Edenfield Team comprising Edenfield; St Andrew, Ramsbottom; St John and St Paul, Ramsbottom; St Philip, Stubbin: Revd Andy Lindop, Revd Susan Wood, Revd Andy Harper. Readers: Stuart Longworth, Pamela Thomas.
**Pray for effective development and implementation of Mission Action Plans and continued growth in the ministry team.**
**ACP**: Te Hui Amorangi ki Te Tairawhiti - (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Revd Don Tamihere.

4 Sat  Kirklees Valley comprising All Saints, Elton; St James, Woolfold, Revd Simon Cook. Reader: John Thorpe.
**Pray for these parishes.**
**ACP**: Mara - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Hilkiah Omindo Deya.

5 Sun  **The First Sunday of Lent.**
**ACP**: Marathwada - (North India) The Rt Revd Madhukar Kasab
Church of Ireland: Diocese of Down and Dromore, Bishop Harold Miller.

6 Mon  St Stephen, Elton: Revd Steve Openshaw.
**Thank the Lord for their great working relationship with St Stephen’s Primary School and for their dedicated leaders of children’s uniformed organisations.**
**ACP**: Maridi - (Minye, Sudan) The Rt Revd Justin Badi Arama.
Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203. 
Holcombe and Hawkshaw comprising Emmanuel, Holcombe; St Mary, Hawkshaw: 
Emmanuel Church Centre: Revd Paul Sumson, Revd Robert Airey, Revd Vic Fletcher. 
Readers: Michael Booth, Michael Burton. 
**Pray for these parishes.** 
**ACP:** Marsabit - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Robert Martin.

Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910. Felix, Bishop, Apostle to the East Angles 647. 
Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, Priest, Poet, 1929. 
St Anne, Tottington: Revd Hugh Bearn. Readers: Christopher Jupp, Bridget Park 
**Pray for this parish.** 
**ACP:** Maryland - (III, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Eugene Sutton. 
Suffragan Bishop of Maryland - (III, The Episcopal Church) Vacant.

Christ Church, Walshaw: Revd Steve Openshaw. Reader: Frank Yung. 
**Pray as they continue to look to the Lord to guide them, and provide for them, as they roll out the Mission Action Plan; and thank Him for his faithfulness and blessings.** 
**ACP:** Masasi - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd James Almasi.

Parishes in the Deanery of Deane: Area Dean – Revd Terry Clark. Lay Chair – Sylvia Smith. 
**Pray for the retired clergy and Readers living and working in the deanery. Also give thanks for the 14 churches of Deane Deanery. Pray for the Deanery as one of the four pilot 'Fit for Mission' pilot deaneries.** 
**ACP:** Maseno North - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Simon Oketch.

St Catherine, Horwich: Pray for this parish. 
**ACP:** Maseno South - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Francis Abiero. 
Maseno West - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Joseph Wasonga. 
**Porvoo:** Church of England: Diocese of Chelmsford, Bishop Stephen Cottrell, Bishop John Wraw, 
Bishop Roger Morris, Bishop Peter Hill. 
Church of Sweden: Diocese of Karlstad, Bishop Sören Dalevi.

Horwich and Rivington Team comprising St Catherine, Horwich; Holy Trinity, Horwich; St Elizabeth, Horwich; Rivington: Revd Stephen Fletcher, Revd Michael Behrend, Revd Peter Harley, Revd Terry Litherland, Revd Caroline Tracey, Revd Gill Smart, Revd Tracy Marshall. 
Reader: David Hawes. 
**St Catherine, Horwich: Pray for this parish.** 
**Holy Trinity, Horwich:** Pray for improved health for their clergy who have struggled with winter bugs, and for progress in gaining funding for a Team Youth Minister. 
**St Elizabeth, Horwich:** Pray for this parish. 
**Rivington:** Pray for PCC discussion on future priorities, following an away day and getting going on the MAP process to promote growth and spiritual depth. 
**ACP:** Massachusetts - (I, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Alan McIntosh Gates. 
Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts - (I, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Gayle Harris.

St Bede, Bolton le Moors: Revd Malcolm Bristow. 
**Pray for this parish.** 
**ACP:** Masvingo - (Central Africa) The Rt Revd Godfrey Tawonezwi.
15 Wed  Deane Team (benefice) comprising St Mary the Virgin, Deane and St Andrew, Over Hulton: Revd Terry Clark, Revd John Armstrong, Revd Mark Murthen, Revd Elizabeth Plant. Reader: Nola Kilsby.

St Mary the Virgin, Deane: Give thanks for the recent 6-week sermon and bible study series on stewardship. Pray for the establishment of a debt counselling ministry in 2017, the District Church Council away day after Easter and for Lee Higson as he completes Reader training and takes on new areas of ministry.

St Andrew, Over Hulton: Pray for the member going forward to a BAP in May that God’s work in this person’s life would be recognised by the panel.

ACP: Matabeleland - (Central Africa) The Rt Revd Cleophas Lunga.

16 Thurs  St Thomas and St John, Lostock: Revd Terry Clark. Readers David Kavanagh, Malcolm Ryding.

Give thanks for an encouraging PCC away day. Pray for discernment in use of the Church Centre and staffing from September 2017.

ACP: Matlosane (formerly Klerksdorp) - (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Stephen Diseko.

17 Fri  Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c.460. Daisy Hill, Westhoughton and Wingates Team Ministry comprising St Bartholomew, Westhoughton; St Thomas, Chequerbent; St George’s LEP, The Hoskers; St John the Evangelist, Wingates, St James, Daisy Hill: Revd Dr Chris Bracegirdle, Revd Gareth Thomas, Revd Kirsty Screeton, Revd Angela Wynne. Reader: Christine Radford.

Pray for the new after-school service at St George’s and thank God for a developing vision for mission across the team. Pray for continued growth in the team and for God’s continued blessing on the leaders and congregations of their growing midweek services.

ACP: Meath & Kildare - (Dublin, Ireland) The Rt Revd Patricia Louise Storey.


Pray for the retired clergy and Readers living and working in the deanery.


19 Sun  The Third Sunday of Lent.

ACP: Mbale - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Patrick Gidudu.


Church of England: Diocese of Lichfield, Bishop Mark Ipgrave, Bishop Mark Rylands, Bishop Geoff Annas, Bishop Clive Gregory.

Church in Wales: Diocese of St David’s, vacancy.

20 Mon  Joseph of Nazareth.

Christ Church, Ainsworth: Revd Dave Thomson, Revd Elaine Larkin. Reader: Debra Johnstone.

Pray for the PCC as they begin to update their Mission Action Plan and explore the possibility of forming a Mission Partnership with neighbouring Radcliffe parishes.


Lahore Link: Pray for the Link Group and its opportunities to develop relations with fellow Christians in Lahore.

Pakistan: Pray for peace.


Pray for this parish.

ACP: Mbeere - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Moses Masamba Nthukah.

22 Wed  St Hilda, Prestwich: Revd Ronnie Croft.

Pray for this parish.

ACP: Mbashhe - (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Elliot Williams.
23 Thurs
All Saints, Stand: Revd Alison Hardy, Revd Catherine Binns.

**Pray for this parish.**
ACP: Medak - (South India) Vacant.

24 Fri
Walter Hilton of Thurgarton, Augustinian Canon, Mystic, 1396.

Radcliffe Team comprising St Mary, Radcliffe and St Thomas and St John, Radcliffe: Revd Carol Hayden, Revd Elizabeth Binns.

**St Mary, Radcliffe: Give thanks that their building is finally dry following the floods of 2015 and for all the financial support they have received.**

**St Thomas and St John with St. Philip, Radcliffe: Pray for this parish.**
ACP: The Most Revd Dr Philip Leslie Freier Archbishop of Melbourne & Primate of Australia.
Melbourne - Marmingatha Episcopate - (Victoria, Australia) The Rt Revd Genieve Blackwell.
Melbourne - Jumbunna Episcopate - (Victoria, Australia) The Rt Revd Paul White.
Melbourne - Oodthenong Episcopate - (Victoria, Australia) The Rt Revd Philip Huggins.

25 Sat
The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary.
St Andrew, Radcliffe: Revd Jo McKee. Readers: Michael Vine, Bob May, David Roberts.

**Give thanks for January and February’s all-age services that have seen an increase in families. Pray for the 17 new children’s leaders who begin serving in March.**

26 Sun
The Fourth Sunday of Lent. Mothering Sunday.
ACP: Mexico - (Mexico) The Rt Revd Carlos Touche-Porter.
Porvoo: Church of Sweden: Diocese of Lund, Bishop Johan Tyrberg.
Church of Ireland: Diocese of Cashel, Ossory and Ferns, Bishop Michael Burrows.

27 Mon
St Gabriel, Prestwich: Revd Steve Williams. Revd Margaret Trivasse.

**Pray as they draw up a Mission Action Plan this month at a critical moment in their church’s life.**
ACP: Milwaukee - (V, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Steven Miller.
Minnesota - (VI, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Brian Prior.

28 Tues
St Margaret Holyrood: Revd Deborah Sandercock-Pickles, Revd Caroline Greenwood
Reader: Christine Hardy.

**Pray for this parish.**
ACP: Minna - (Lokoja, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Daniel Abu Yisa.

29 Wed
St Mary, Prestwich: Revd Chris Wedge.

**Pray in thankfulness for their growth and ask God’s blessing on their Pre-School Praise Group and their new café bar church starting this spring.**
ACP: Mishamikoweesh - (Rupert’s Land, Canada) The Rt Revd Lydia Mamakwa.

30 Thurs
Parishes in the Deanery of Rossendale: Area Dean – Revd Lyn Woodall, Lay Chair – John Greenwood.

**Pray for the retired clergy and Readers living and working in the deanery.**
ACP: Missionary District of Oeste-Brasil - (Brazil) Vacant.
Pelotas - (Brazil) The Rt Revd Renato Da Cruz Raatz.

31 Fri
John Donne, Priest, Poet, 1631.
Bacup and Stackstead Team comprising Christ Church with St John and Holy Trinity, Tunstead with St Saviour, Bacup: Revd David Brae, Revd Derek Allen, Revd Dan Cook.

**Pray for this team.**
ACP: Mississippi - (IV, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Duncan Gray.
Coadjutor Bishop - (IV, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Brian Seage.