

Our Deanery Prayer:

Living God,
who breathed into your disciples
the power of the Holy Spirit,
and so equipped them for the work of
mission
through love and service;
Renew in our churches a vision of your
kingdom
where all things are made new,
and justice and peace will reign;
and grant us grace and strength to proclaim this
good news,
won for us through the love of our Saviour,
Jesus Christ.
Amen.

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Ross and Archenfield Deanery

Praying Together

Prayer Diary for 24th April 2022 to
31st May 2022



Revd Mark Johnson writes:

The Easter season is one of joy! Although it is sometimes quite hard to find joy when we look at the state of the world! As Archbishop Justin pointed out in his Easter sermon, the resurrection is not a magic wand to make everything alright again, but it is a shift in the tectonic plates of how the world is made.

Resurrection offers hope for a new future, the chance to put the past behind us and work for the Kingdom. It is not a panacea for all the ills of the world, but it is a rallying cry for us to go, once again blessed and renewed, into the world to preach the Good News, Jesus lives!

Revd Mark

Please get in touch with suggestions for events, and places to pray for in your parish or benefice so that we can update this prayer dairy as things change.

Please continue to pray for Ukraine and the ongoing conflict:

Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

Sunday 24th 2nd Sunday of Easter

Scripture: John 20 19

¹⁹When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Collect: Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our Prayers: For the peace of our risen Christ to dwell in our hearts this day and all days.

Across the Deanery: St. Swithin, Ganarew. For the people of the village and the care home next to the church.

Monday 25th Mark the Evangelist

Scripture: Ephesians 4 11-12

¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

Collect: Almighty God, who enlightened your holy Church through the inspired witness of your evangelist Saint Mark:
grant that we, being firmly grounded in the truth of the gospel, may be faithful to its teaching both in word and deed; 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 for ever. Amen.

For our Prayers: Evangelists and those translating the Bible into new languages and the work of the Bible Society.

Across our Deanery: St. Michael and All Angel's, Garway. For those who worship there, those who live in Garway and those looking to the future of the church building.

Tuesday 26th George, Patron Saint of England

Scripture: John 15 18-19

Jesus said to his disciples: ¹⁸'If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. ¹⁹If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world – therefore the world hates you.

Collect: God of hosts, who so kindled the flame of love in the heart of your servant George that he bore witness to the risen Lord by his life and by his death:

give us the same faith and power of love that we who rejoice in his triumphs may come to share with him the fullness of the resurrection;

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 for ever.

Amen.

For our Prayers: For the nation of England, Georgia and other places in the world where St. George is the patron saint.

Across our Deanery: St. Giles', Goodrich and St. Margaret's, Welsh Bicknor. For the people of the villages, for Goodrich C of E School and for visitors to Goodrich Castle.

help us like her to work with strength for the restoration of all to the dignity and freedom of those created in your image; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our Prayers: For those working for Christians Against Poverty and other social justice organisations linked with the church.

Across our Deanery: St. Bridget, Bridstow. For the village, Bridstow C of E Primary School and the village.

Tuesday 31st: Visit of Mary to Elizabeth

Scripture: Luke 1 41-42

⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Collect: Mighty God, by whose grace Elizabeth rejoiced with Mary and greeted her as the mother of the Lord: look with favour on your lowly servants that, with Mary, we may magnify your holy name and rejoice to acclaim her Son our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our Prayers: the holy women who have shaped our faith and showed us God's love.

Across our Deanery: St. Michael and All Angel's, Dewsall and St. Mary Callow (closed). For those in the village of Callow and for those getting married at Dewsall Court and Dewsall Church.

Wednesday 27th Christina Rossetti, poet d. 1894

Scripture: Matthew 6 19-20

Jesus said, "¹⁹Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal.

²⁰For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Collect: O God, whom heaven cannot hold, you inspired Christina Rossetti to express the mystery of the Incarnation through her poems: Help us to follow her example in giving our hearts to Christ, who is love; and who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

For our Prayers: for poets and artists who help us to find the words and images that express our faith.

Across our Deanery: St. Dubricius', Hentland and St. Catharine's, Hoarwithy. For the two villages and those who live there, for the local pub and shop in Hoarwithy. For those visiting the local campsite by the river.

Thursday 28th

Scripture: Psalm 37 10-11

¹⁰ Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

¹¹ But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight in abundant prosperity.

For our Prayers: Those who have been made refugees in recent times, those who are supporting them through hospitality or by giving to aid agencies.

Across our Deanery: St. Michael and All Angels', Hope Mansell. For the people who live and work in the village.

Friday 29th Catherine of Siena, Teacher of the faith d. 1380

Scripture: Proverbs 8 10-11

¹⁰Take my instruction instead of silver,
and knowledge rather than choice gold;
¹¹for wisdom is better than jewels,
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.

Collect: God of compassion, who gave your servant Catherine of Siena a wondrous love of the passion of Christ:
grant that your people may be united to him in his majesty and rejoice for ever in the revelation of his glory;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our Prayer: We might learn from the wisdom of those who have explored their faith before us, from the ancient mothers and fathers of the church who speak to us today.

Across our Deanery: St. Andrew with St. Mary, How Caple. For those who live in the village and surrounding farms.

Saturday 30th

Scripture: Psalm 37 12-13

¹²The wicked plot against the righteous,
and gnash their teeth at them;
¹³but the Lord laughs at the wicked,
for he sees that their day is coming.

For our Prayers: Those who fight against injustice and discrimina-

Sunday 29th Seventh Sunday after Easter

Scripture: John 17 25-26

Jesus prayed over his disciples: ²⁵'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

Collect: O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our Prayers: The coming of the Holy Spirit, that we may be filled with peace and love.

Across our Deanery: St. Michael and All Angels, Brampton Abbots. For the people in the village of Brampton Abbots and that the church of St. Michael becomes a vital part of village life.

Monday 30th Josephine Butler, Social Reformer, d. 1906

Scripture: Matthew 9 12-13

¹²But when Jesus heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

Collect: God of compassion and love, by whose grace your servant Josephine Butler followed in the way of your Son in caring for those in need:

For our Prayers: That we may be witnesses to the risen and ascended Christ, as we await the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Across our Deanery: Ross Cottage Hospital, the staff and patients, those who visit on behalf of the local churches.

Friday 27th

Scripture: Psalm 37 1-2

¹ O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger,
or discipline me in your wrath.

² For your arrows have sunk into me,
and your hand has come down on me.

For our Prayers: those who have depression and all who care for the,.

Across our Deanery: St. John the Baptist Aston Ingham in the Ariconium Benefice, Church Officers and congregation.

Saturday 28th

Scripture: Psalm 38 3-4

³ There is no soundness in my flesh
because of your indignation;

there is no health in my bones
because of my sin.

⁴ For my iniquities have gone over my head;
they weigh like a burden too heavy for me.

For our Prayers: for those who feel overwhelmed by life and events, all who are struggling to find hope in our world.

Across our Deanery: All Saints, Bishopswood in the Wye Reaches Benefice and for its future.

tion, we remember those campaigning for indigenous rights in central and south America.

Across our Deanery: St. John the Baptist, Kings Caple and for those who live in the village. For Kings Caple Primary School and the staff and pupils.

Sunday 1st May SS Phillip and James

Scripture: Isaiah 30 20-21

²⁰ Though the Lord may give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself any more, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. ²¹ And when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left, your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'

Collect: Almighty Father, whom truly to know is eternal life: teach us to know your Son Jesus Christ as the way, the truth, and the life; that we may follow the steps of your holy apostles Philip and James, and walk steadfastly in the way that leads to your glory; 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 for ever. Amen.

For our Prayers: Churches dedicated to Phillip and James, their ministers and congregations. For our own journey of faith as we walk the way of Jesus.

Across our Deanery: St. Mary's, Linton and those who live and work in the village.

Monday 2nd May Athanasius, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith d.

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Scripture: Matthew 10 26-27

Jesus said ‘²⁶So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.’

Collect: Ever-living God, whose servant Athanasius testified to the mystery of the Word made flesh for our salvation: help us, with all your saints, to contend for the truth and to grow into the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our Prayers: the incarnation and how it shapes how we think of our own bodies, temples to the Lord.

Across our Deanery: St. Mary’s, Little Birch and for those who live in the village. For the Village Hall and all working to improve it.

Tuesday 3rd

Scripture: Psalm 37 14-15

¹⁴ The wicked draw the sword and bend their bows
to bring down the poor and needy,
to kill those who walk uprightly;
¹⁵ their sword shall enter their own heart,
and their bows shall be broken.

For our Prayers: All who are looking to war to further their political ambitions, all who stand for peace and justice.

His memory will not disappear,
and his name will live through all generations.

Collect: God our maker, whose Son Jesus Christ gave to your servant Bede grace to drink in with joy the word that leads us to know you and to love you:

in your goodness grant that we also may come at length to you, the source of all wisdom, and stand before your face;
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 for ever.
Amen.

For our Prayers: Historians, those who teach history in our schools.

Across our Deanery: John Kyrle High School, Ross on Wye, for the newly appointed Head, staff and pupils.

Thursday 26th Ascension Day

Scripture: Acts 1 8-9

Jesus said ‘⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

Collect: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

village, for Whitchurch House Care Home and the local C of E Primary school.

Tuesday 24th John and Charles Wesley, founders of Methodism d. 1791 & 1788

Scripture: Ephesians 5 15-17

Brothers and sisters, ¹⁵be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Collect: God of mercy, who inspired John and Charles Wesley with zeal for your gospel:

grant to all people boldness to proclaim your word and a heart ever to rejoice in singing your praises;
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 for ever.
Amen.

For our Prayers: Our sisters and brothers in our local Methodist churches, chapels and circuits.

Across our Deanery: St. James, Wyesham and for those who live in the village.

Wednesday 25th Venerable Bede, Historian and Monk of Jarrow d. 735

Scripture: Ecclesiasticus 39 8-9

⁸He will show the wisdom of what he has learned, and will glory in the law of the Lord's covenant.

⁹Many will praise his understanding; it will never be blotted out.

Across our Deanery: St. David's, Little Dewchurch with St Dubricius', Ballingham (closed), St John of Jerusalem (closed), Bolstone, St Andrew's, Dinedor and St. Cuthbert's, Holme Lacy (in the care of the Council for the Care of Churches Trust) and for the future of the parish.

Wednesday 4th—Saints and Martyrs of the English Reformation

Scripture: John 12 23-24

²³Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Collect: Merciful God, who, when your Church on earth was torn apart by the ravages of sin, raised up men and women in this land who witnessed to their faith with courage and constancy:
give to your Church that peace which is your will, and grant that those who have been divided on earth may be reconciled in heaven, and share together in the vision of your glory;
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 for ever.
Amen.

For our Prayers: Those who gave their lives for the steadfastness in faith, that we may be able to withstand the persecutions of this present age.

Across our Deanery: St. Junabius, Llandinabo and all who work in the area, especially the orchards and soft fruit businesses.

Thursday 5th

Scripture: Psalm 37 16-17

¹⁶ Better is a little that the righteous person has than the abundance of many wicked.

¹⁷ For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but the Lord upholds the righteous.

For our Prayers: Those who have worked hard and justly for what they have.

Across our Deanery: St. Deinst, Llangarron and for all who live in the village.

Friday 6th

Scripture: Psalm 37 18-19

¹⁸ The Lord knows the days of the blameless, and their heritage will abide for ever;

¹⁹ they are not put to shame in evil times, in the days of famine they have abundance.

For our Prayers: Those who work for justice in farming and those in our food banks and food-share schemes in Hereford, Ross and other market towns.

Across our Deanery: Christ Church, Llangrove, the Llangrove Academy School and the village with its pub.

Saturday 7th

Scripture: Psalm 27 20-22

²⁰ But the wicked perish, and the enemies of the Lord are like the glory of the pastures; they vanish—like smoke they vanish away.

Sunday 22nd Sixth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: John 14 27

Jesus said: ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Collect: God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

For our Prayers: That the peace of God may reside in our hearts and overflow into the lives of those around us,

Across our Deanery: St. Lawrence, Weston –under- Penyard and all who live and work in the village

Monday 23rd

Scripture: Psalm 37 39-40

³⁹ The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

⁴⁰ The Lord helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

For our Prayers: all who are held prisoner, those who have been kidnapped or who are trapped in abusive relationships. For all who rescue the captives.

Across our Deanery: St. Dubricius, Whitchurch, those who worked hard to restore the church, and for those who live and work in the

Across our Deanery: St. Michael and All Angels, Walford and for all who live in the village, for the local shops and pubs and the local school.

Saturday 21st Helena, Protector of Holy Places d. 303

Scripture: Micah 4 1-2

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills.

Peoples shall stream to it,
and many nations shall come and say:

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.”

Collect: Most Merciful God, who blessed your servant Helena with such grace and devotion to you that she venerated the very footsteps of our Saviour; Grant unto us the same grace that, aided by her prayers and example, we also may always behold your glory in the cross of your Son. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

For our Prayers: The sacred spaces in our lives, such a gardens, hill tops, woodland glades, where ever we feel that the gap between heaven and earth is thin.

Across our Deanery: St. Mary the Virgin, Welsh Newton and St. John the Baptist, Llanrothal and for all who live and work in the villages.

²¹ The wicked borrow, and do not pay back,
but the righteous are generous and keep giving;

²² for those blessed by the Lord shall inherit the land,
but those cursed by him shall be cut off.

For our Prayers: All working in the banking industry that they may be fair and just in their dealings, all those working to expose corruption and tax-evasion

Across our Deanery: Christ Church, Llanwarne and St. John the Baptist (ruin), Llanwarne and for who worked on restoring the village hall.

Sunday 8th—Fourth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: John 10 27-28

²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:

raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our Prayers: That we may hear the voice of Jesus when he calls us to follow him.

Across our Deanery: St. Matthew, Marstow and for those who live in the village.

Monday 9th

Scripture: Psalm 37 23-24

²³ Our steps are made firm by the Lord,
when he delights in our way;

²⁴ though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong,
for the Lord holds us by the hand.

For our Prayers: That we may trust in the Lord

Across our Deanery: St. Mary and St. Thomas a Becket, Much Birch,
for all who live in the village, for Much Birch C of E Primary School
and those who work at the surgery.

Tuesday 10th

Scripture: Psalm 37 25-26

²⁵ I have been young, and now am old,
yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken
or their children begging bread.

²⁶ They are ever giving liberally and lending,
and their children become a blessing.

For our Prayers: that our lives may be filled with generosity to those
around us, that we may use the gifts of time , money and friendship
to enrich those who are struggling.

Across our Deanery: St. David, Much Dewchurch and for those who
live in the village. For Charnwood Nursing Home and the residents
and staff.

Wednesday 11th

Scripture: Psalm 37 27-28a

²⁷ Depart from evil, and do good;

of the flock, a restorer of monastic life and a faithful counsellor to
those in authority:

give to all pastors the same gifts of your Holy Spirit that they may be
true servants of Christ and of all his people;
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 for ever.
Amen.

For our Prayers: Spiritual directors and prayer guides, all who sup-
port our spiritual growth.

Across our Deanery: St. John the Baptist, Upton Bishop, for those
who live in the village, for the local pub and the village hall.

Friday 20th Alcuin of York, Deacon and Liturgical Reformer d. 804

Scripture: John 4 23-24

Jesus said ‘²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true
worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father
seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who
worship him must worship in spirit and truth.’

Collect: God of wisdom, eternal light, who shone in the heart of your
servant Alcuin, revealing to him your power and pity:
scatter the darkness of our ignorance that, with all our heart and
mind and strength, we may seek your face and be brought with all
your saints to your holy presence;
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 for ever.
Amen.

For our Prayers: Liturgists, those who choose the hymns for worship
on Sunday, hymn writers and intercessors.

³⁵ I have seen the wicked oppressing,
and towering like a cedar of Lebanon.

³⁶ Again I passed by, and they were no more;
though I sought them, they could not be found.

For our Prayers: Those who put roots down in their community, who support local community organisations and groups.

Across our Deanery: St. Weonards, St. Weonards church and for the local shop, St. Weonards Primary School and the village.

Wednesday 18th

Scripture: Psalm 37 37-38

³⁷ Mark the blameless, and behold the upright,
for there is posterity for the peaceable.

³⁸ But transgressors shall be altogether destroyed;
the posterity of the wicked shall be cut off.

For our Prayers: The unsung heroes in our communities, the ones who quietly go about supporting others, friends and neighbours.

Across our Deanery: St. John the Baptist, The Lea and all who live and work in the village, The Lea C of E Primary school and all who teach and study there.

Thursday 19th Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury d. 988

Scripture: Matthew 24 45-46

⁴⁵ 'Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves their allowance of food at the proper time? ⁴⁶ Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives.'

Collect: Almighty God, who raised up Dunstan to be a true shepherd

so you shall abide for ever.

²⁸ For the Lord loves justice;
he will not forsake his faithful ones.

For our Prayers: That we may choose what is right, even when it is the difficult or hard choice.

Across our Deanery: St. John the Baptist, Orcop and all who live in the village. For the village hall and the events that take place there.

Thursday 12th

Scripture: Psalm 37 28b—29

The righteous shall be kept safe for ever,
but the children of the wicked shall be cut off.

²⁹ The righteous shall inherit the land,
and live in it for ever.

For our Prayers: for all people that they may live under their own vine and fig-tree, in security and peace.

Across our Deanery: St. Denys, Pencoyd, St. Mary, Tretire and St. Michael and All Angels, Michaelchurch (closed). For all who live and farm in the area.

Friday 13th

Scripture: Psalm 37 30-21

³⁰ The mouths of the righteous utter wisdom,
and their tongues speak justice.

³¹ The law of their God is in their hearts;
their steps do not slip.

For our Prayers: for the Laws of God to be written in our hearts and lived out through our lives.

Across our Deanery: St. Peter, Peterstow, and its role as a village hall and church, for those who rely on the local shop and those who live in the village.

Saturday 14th: Matthias the Apostle

Scripture: Acts 1 26

²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Collect: Almighty God, who in the place of the traitor Judas chose your faithful servant Matthias to be of the number of the Twelve: preserve your Church from false apostles and, by the ministry of faithful pastors and teachers, keep us steadfast in your truth; 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 for ever. Amen.

For our Prayers: Those called later in life to serve the church and local congregations, for those who are working as ministry selectors for the C of E and for our own vocations.

Across our Deanery: St. Mary, Ross-on-Wye, for all who live in the town and those moving into the new housing.

Sunday 15th Fifth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: John 13 34-35

³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Collect: Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus

Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:

grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect;

through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

For our Prayers: That our lives be overflowing with the love of God, that that love may be shown in the things we do and say this week.

Across our Deanery: St. Tysilio, Sellack and for all who live in the village and farm the local area.

Monday 16th

Scripture: Psalm 37 32-33

³² The wicked watch for the righteous, and seek to kill them.

³³ The LORD will not abandon them to their power, or let them be condemned when they are brought to trial.

For our Prayers: Those who are oppressed working indentured labour, those whose wages are withheld or are working below the national minimum wage.

Across our Deanery: St. Michael, Sollers Hope and for those who live and work in the area.

Tuesday 17th

Scripture: Psalm 37 34-36

³⁴ Wait for the Lord, and keep to his way, and he will exalt you to inherit the land; you will look on the destruction of the wicked.