Sunday 27

Advent

Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength for all those who will speak, especially through the media, with confidence and clarity of our Maker's love and the Redeemer's story this Advent

Come Lord of us all, Stir up the darkness. We light just one candle To keep us awake.

Come Lord of nature, Wise and just ruler. The light of two candles Shows us how to live.

Come Lord of our life.
Deserts are greening.
The light of three candles shows that you are near.

Come Son of David, He who was promised. By four candles' brightness the true king will come.

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Monday 28

The Last Day Ged Johnson/CAFOD

Eternal God,
How easily we forget, that,
on the last day,
you will be judging us
not according to our beliefs,
nor by our good intentions,
but according to who we have fed
and who we have given to drink.

May we live such, that, on the last day, we will find ourselves standing before you not burdened by good gifts hoarded, nor regretting fruits of the earth wasted, but with hands empty and arms outstretched, ready to receive your warm embrace.

Tuesday 29

St Mark Winshill Clergy: Philip Bosher Reader Mervyn John

Wednesday 30

St Andrew

As St Andrew was quick to recognise Jesus and to introduce him to his brother Peter, may we be ready to bring others to meet with our Lord. We pray for the people of Scotland

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Cycle of Prayer

Tuesday 1

All Saints

Derby Cathedral and all those churches celebrating their Patronal Festival

With the saints who have gone before us, with the company of saints today and with all creation we give thanks to the Lord, who is the author and hope of all our desires, you have led your people in the past, lead us now, we pray.

John Davies has been Dean of Derby Cathedral since 2010. Pray for him as he leaves the team at the Cathedral to take up his new role as Dean of Wells. Give thanks for his ministry in this Diocese and Cathedral

Wednesday 2

All Souls

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed Funeral directors and all those who minister to the bereaved

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfill in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thursday 3

Members of the Cathedral Chapter Canon Chancellor Simon Taylor, who is also the Continuing Ministerial Development Officer. Canon Missioner Elizabeth Thomson Canon Precentor Chris Moorsom. Diocesan Canon Susan Jones. Lay member of Chapter Mark Titterton and Chair of the Chapter's finance committee, also
Executive Chair of Diocesan Board of
Finance. Lay member of Chapter David Legh
Lay member of Chapter Brian Dollamore. Lay
member of Chapter Val Grahl – also one of
the Cathedral Wardens. Chapter Steward
Rachel Morris. Chaplain to the Cathedral
Adam Dickens

Friday 4

Cathedral Administration

Finance Manager Peter Holdridge. PA to the Chapter Steward Kim Milner. PA to the Dean, Canon Precentor and Director of Music Lucille Parsisson. Development Officer Dr Alex Rock. Diary and Events Coordinator Laura Braithwaite. Schools Education Officer Viv Lawrence. Visitors Officer Sue Roberts Exhibitions Officer Geoff Robson. Keeper of the Treasures Derek Limer.

Saturday 5

The Cathedral's team of visitor guides. The Cathedral is open every day, free for all. There are daily acts of worship, and very well attended services on Sundays. Receiving nearly 50,000 visitors a year – all are welcome to look around, to join in worship, or to be still in the guiet.

Sunday 6

Cathedral Vergers: Head Verger Geoff Alvis. Canons' Verger Mat Mawson. Verger Dave Long. Apprentice Verger Joe Grimoldby. Head Server John Howarth

Monday 7

The Friends of Derby Cathedral who form a network of support for the work of the Cathedral, care of the fabric, the improvement of facilities and help towards the musical contribution to its worship.

Tuesday 8

In Repton and Melbourne Deanery In the United Benefice, the parish of St Mary Coton-in-the-Elms, Clergy: Michael Yates, Janet Turville, Andrea Sims. Readers: Stella Greenwood

Wednesday 9

In the United Benefice, the parish of St Peter Netherseal Clergy: Michael Yates, Janet Turville, Andrea Sims. Readers: Stella Greenwood

Thursday 10

In the United Benefice, the parish of All Saints Lullington. Clergy: Michael Yates, Janet Turville, Andrea Sims. Readers: Stella Greenwood

Friday 11

Pray for all who care for those affected by war and all those who work for peace in our world. Pray for all those involved in Acts of Remembrance this weekend.

Make your ways known upon earth, Lord God, your saving power among all peoples. Guide the leaders of all nations, that justice may prevail throughout the world. Make us instruments of your peace Amen

Saturday 12

St Peter Stapenhill, Clergy: Michael Andreyev Reader: Lynn Chapman.

Sunday 13

Military Chaplains: Pray for those who minister to service personnel and their families in times of war and peace, may they be strengthened to provide spiritual support, pastoral care, and moral guidance to all. A prayer in troubled times

God of love, turn our hearts to your ways; and give us peace. deliver us from a world without justice and a future without mercy; establish justice, and in your justice, remember the mercy revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority.

and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Monday 14

St Peter Stapenhill, Clergy: Michael Andreyev Reader: Lynn Chapman,

Tuesday 15

St GilesCaldwell Clergy: Michael Andreyev Reader: Carolyn Willett

Wednesday 16

In the United Benefice, the parish of St Lawrence Walton-on-Trent with Croxall, Clergy, Janet Turville

Thursday 17

In the United Benefice, the parish of St Mary Rosliston, Clergy, Janet Turville

Friday 18

In the United Benefice, the parish of Christ Church Linton, Clergy, Janet Turville, Michael Yates

Saturday 19

In the United Benefice, the parish of Castle Gresley with St Nicholas Catton, Clergy, Janet Turville, Michael Yates

Sunday 20

Christ the King

Loving God, we see all around us the evidence of your love and your loving provision for our needs. And yet on our television screens, our newspapers and on the streets of our towns and cities we see people who have so few of life's basic

essentials,

clean water, food and shelter.

This is wrong, we know that in our hearts. You love all of humankind, not just the ones that history has placed in the so-called developed world.

Loving God grant a spirit of responsibility to those in positions of power, a conscience that sees inequality

and wants to do something about it. And Lord, include us, for we have become immune to the suffering of others.

Monday 21

Derby Clergy conference at Swanwick begins this afternoon until Wednesday lunch time.

Tuesday 22

Clergy conference at Swanwick

Saints of days long gone, standing on seashore and mountain top, considered the might of the elements that you had created,

the roar of the wind and waves, the constancy of the tides and seasons.

To them, Lord it was evidence enough that your creative Spirit was still empowering this fragile world, encircling their lives, as the very wind and mist that swirled around them. We have so little time to contemplate this world.

and complain when wind and rain conspire to spoil our day.

Yet in doing so we often fail to gain the comfort and reassurance

that your saints felt in their isolation.

We forget that it was your creative breath that set this universe in motion

and still moves across the world.

Not always predictably, but there to be seen and felt,

there to offer the comfort and reassurance of a God who is constant and eternal. Thank you, Creator God,

for the constancy and ample evidence of your love for this world

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Wednesday 23

Cathedral Commercial Enterprises Cathedral Bookshop Manager Peter Goddard Cathedral Café Manager Simon Pleydell Bookshop Assistant Mandy Thomas Bookshop Assistant Debby Webster

Thursday 24

Now in City Deanery and in the United benefice St Michael, Willington Clergy Susan Starkey.

Friday 25

Now in City Deanery and in the United benefice All Saints Findern Clergy Susan Starkey

Saturday 26

Cathedral Music Department as they and choirs throughout the Diocese lead our worship this Advent. Director of Music Hugh Morris. Assistant Organist Tom Corfield Ringing Master Martin Whiteley