## **Tuesday 25**

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#### **Thursday 27**

In a United Benefice the parish of St Mary, Mappleton, Clergy: Carollyn McDonald; PCC and the congregation and the congregation.

## Friday 28

In a United Benefice the parish of All Saints Brailsford with St Michael Shirley, Clergy: Paul Taylor, Fiona Crocker; PCC and the congregation.

#### Saturday 29

In a United Benefice the parish of St Martin Osmaston with St James Edlaston Clergy: Paul Taylor, Fiona Crocker; PCC and the congregation.

## Sunday 30

In a United Benefice the parish of Holy Trinity Yeaveley Clergy: Paul Taylor, Fiona Crocker; PCC and the congregation When our faith stands at the grave, grieving for a stone that's rolled away, forgive us.

When our faith is short of understanding though the truth is there to see, forgive us.

When our faith, beset by doubt, sees no further than an empty tomb today, forgive us.

Bring to mind the cry of Mary, 'I have seen the Lord!' and grant us faith to believe!

We thank you that Easter is not about a people, but all people, that your love and your Salvation are for all who confess with voices, hearts and lives that the tomb is empty because Jesus is risen, that we might know forgiveness, that lives might be reborn and your name glorified now and for eternity.

Lord of life we pray for all who bring your word of life

As a light to those in darkness
For those who bring your word of peace
To those enslaved by fear
For those who bring your word of love
To those in need of comfort
Lord of love and Lord of peace
Lord of resurrection life
Be known through our lives
and through your power
John Birch www.faithandworship.com/prayers

We are often not the Easter People that we should be, living in the certain knowledge of your great mercy and love. Distracted by the world around us we fail to hear your voice, or hide when faith is challenged as we wander off the path. Forgive us, we pray; restore the love that we first had, a faith that can endure. We will keep our eyes fixed on you, Lord, and with you at our right hand we shall not be shaken. (www.faithandworship.com)

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# Cycle of Prayer

As we journey through the Lent and Easter season we pray for the people of Syria:

#### A Prayer for Peace in Syria

Spirit of wisdom and grace, the power of truth and judgement; we pray for all who are working for peace in the tangled conflict of Syria today. For international leaders holding a thread of control, for the politicians holding a thread of power,

for the religious leaders holding a thread of authority, for the fighters holding a thread of influence, and the citizens clinging to a thread of hope.

Bring unity through the untangled order of justice.

Bring reconciliation through truthful dialogue.

Bring new life through patient diplomacy, determined mediation and courageous peace-making.

We pray in the name of Christ, our source of inspiration and confidence. Amen.

#### A Prayer for the Victims of the Syrian conflict

We pray for those damaged by the fighting in Syria. To the wounded and injured: Come Lord Jesus. To the terrified who are living in shock: Come Lord Jesus To the hungry and homeless, refugee and exile: Come Lord Jesus To those bringing humanitarian aid: Give protection Lord Jesus To those administering medical assistance: Give protection Lord Jesus. To those offering counsel and care: Give protection Lord Jesus. For all making the sacrifice of love: Give the strength of your Spirit and the joy of your comfort. In the hope of Christ we pray. Amen.

#### Saturday 1

For those who have the opportunity to speak about faith in the media

## Sunday 2

## Passion Sunday

Pray for all Street Pastors as they work to bring God's love to our city streets through engaging with people on the streets to care, listen and dialogue.

## Monday 3

In a United Benefice the parish of St Edmund King & Martyr Fenny Bentley, Clergy: Rev Andy Larkin; Reader Rosalind Hunt, PCC and the congregation

#### **Tuesday 4**

In a United Benefice the parish of St Leonard Thorpe, Clergy: Rev Andy Larkin; Reader Rosalind Hunt, PCC and the congregation.

## Wednesday 5

In a United Benefice the parish of St Mary Tissington, Clergy: Rev Andy Larkin; Reader Rosalind Hunt, PCC and the congregation.

## Thursday 6

In a United Benefice the parish of St Peter Parwich Clergy: Rev Andy Larkin; Reader Rosalind Hunt, PCC and the congregation.

#### Friday 7

In a United Benefice the parish of St Michael & All Angels Alsop-en-Dale Clergy: Rev Andy Larkin; Reader Rosalind Hunt, PCC and the congregation

## Saturday 8

For those who will bring children for Baptism or who are preparing themselves for Baptism and Confirmation

#### Sunday 9

# Bonheoffer Palm Sunday

As we give thanks for all those who have served as Churchwardens and on PCCs in the past year, we commit their work to God and pray for those newly elected at recent AGM meetings

For all those who will receive a Palm Cross today, that we will be faithful to Christ.

## Monday 10

Archbishops: Justin Welby, John Sentamu

Christ give us grace to grow in holiness, to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow him.

## **Tuesday 11**

Archdeacon of Derby Christopher Cunliffe, Acting Archdeacon of Chesterfield Tony Kaunhoven

God of our journey, as we walk with you on your path of obedience, sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory.

## Wednesday 12

Provincial Episcopal Visitor, Bishop of Ebbsfleet Jonathan Goodall; Assistant Bishops: Jack Nicholls, Richard Inwood, Tim Ellis

We pray for courage to give up all things and to give ourselves to him this Holy Week.

## Thursday 13

## Maundy Thursday

Clergy gathering in Derby Cathedral this morning to celebrate Communion and re-new their Ordination vows

As we thank God for the institution of the sacrament of Holy Communion, pray that we may grow in love for God and for each other. We pray for all those who have left the church for whatever reason

Make me in all things more and more like thee

## Friday 14

# Good Friday

As we remember Christ's sacrifice on the cross, pray for strength that we may take up our own cross and follow him. We pray for all the outdoor acts of witness taking place today

#### Saturday 15

#### Easter Eve

Pray for all those facing death that they may find peace through Christ.

May the wounded hands of Jesus bring his healing touch.

## Sunday 16

#### Easter Day

Alleluia Christ is risen, He is risen indeed Alleluia.

## Monday 17

For rest

May the light of Jesus shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find his light ever burning in our hearts.

## **Tuesday 18**

In a United Benefice the parish of St John, Ashbourne; Clergy: Carollyn McDonald; Readers Kevin Stone, PCC and the congregation.

## Wednesday 19

In a United Benefice the parish of Holy Trinity Clifton in Plurality with St Mary and St Barlok Norbury and St Peter Snelston. Clergy: Carollyn McDonald; Readers Mike Warner, PCC and the congregation.

#### **Thursday 20**

## Queen's birthday

In a United Benefice the parish of St Oswald, Ashbourne Clergy: Carollyn McDonald; Readers Kevin Stone, Mike Warner, Dorothy Tinsley, PCC and the congregation.

#### Friday 21

In a United Benefice the parish of Christ Church Hulland, clergy: Rev Philip Mitchell, Reader Anna Davis, June Lomas.

#### Saturday 22

In a United Benefice the parish of St Philip & St James Atlow, Clergy: Rev Philip Mitchell, Reader Anna Davis, June Lomas.

#### Sunday 23

## St George

On St George's Day we pray for our nation, for its government, for all in positions of responsible leadership, for all who give freely of their gifts and of their time to the service of others, and for our young men and women that they may continue to be inspired to stand against everything that belittles our humanity, striving for what best serves our common life.

Almighty God, you gave to your servant St George the gifts of faith and courage so that he despised suffering and received the martyr's crown. Grant to the people of this nation such a desire for truth and for the dignity of all humankind that we may hold fast to what is good and overcome all that would do us harm, through the strength and power that you supply to all who seek to know and do your will; Amen.

#### Monday 24

#### St Mark

In a United Benefice the parish of St Michael & All Angels Kniveton, Clergy: Rev Philip Mitchell