

**All Saints Church Clifton**  
**Cycle of Prayer – February 2018**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Festival</b>	<b>Prayers</b>
1	Brigid Abbess of Kildare 525	Today Wendy Bray will be Licenced in the Bishop's Chapel at Winterboure and this will mark the 'official' start of her ministry at ASC. Pray for her at this time, asking that her work with us and amongst us develops and flourishes and that she is enabled to bring her gifts and insights to other and wider communities.
2	Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	That we may see the salvation that God has prepared for all people. Heavenly Father, your Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew us with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power
3	Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg 865	First missionary to Scandinavian countries. Remember in our prayers the people and governments of Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark.
4	Second before Lent	Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness
5		National Freedom from Slavery. We pray for all who work to halt human trafficking and slavery. We pray for those who are trapped in slavery now – in 2018, this is estimated to be 21 million people.
6		We pray, Father, that you continue to bless Elizabeth our Queen, that under her we may be wisely governed and the Church continue to serve you. Pray for all in power and authority that they may be just and wise and serve the highest values to the benefit of creation and humankind.
7	Martyrs of Japan 1597	Persecuted Christians through world – from the 26 crucified in Japan in 1597, those massacred in India (Orissa) in 2008, those now in Africa and Middle East.
8		Pray for academic and commercial chemists; those working in chemistry research and the practical application of knowledge. Our university School of Chemistry – staff and students (Periodic Table Day) . Also for the pharmaceutical companies that develop and distribute drugs for the good of humankind – including veterinary products.
9		Pray for dentists and dental hygienists; our university school of Oral and Dental Science - staff and students. Our dentists and those suffering from oral/dental disease and pain.
10		Give thanks for good neighbours; remember our neighbours and those who live in our immediate community. Pray that we may be good neighbours – keeping an eye of care out for those who live around us.
11	Sunday before Lent	Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory
12		Give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found
13		Pray for those working in the field of electronics. Remembering Thomas Edison pushing aside the veil of darkness to reveal modern electronics. Impact of media channels – TV and radio – for positive effect.

14	Ash Wednesday	Holy God, our lives are laid open before you: rescue us from the chaos of sin and through the death of your Son bring us healing and make us whole Pray for those who attend the ASC Lent Courses (Family and weekday) which will start in the coming week.
15	Sigfrid, Bishop, Apostle of Sweden	Those who live alone – by choice or through circumstance. Especially those who would wish to share their lives with others.
16		Pray that we may show acts of kindness in our lives. Remember that there are those who provide random act of kindness to/for others. May we take the opportunity to be kind today.
17	Janani, Archbishop of Uganda Martyr 1977	Pray for Revd Jane Too-dera and the Bishop Janani Luwum Theological College. Pray for the church in Africa. Pray for understanding and agreement on questions of human sexuality and marriage. Pray for the Episcopal Church in the USA.
18	First Sunday of Lent	Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love
19		Pray for those who are on the outside of society. Physical, mental and/or emotional reasons cause people to be cut-off from society (or 'shut-in'). Pray for them and those who visit to make a difference.
20		Give thanks for the joy and care of domestic animals, in particular house pets. Giving thanks for the friendship they bring to the lonely and help to the needy.
21		Pray for a world that has no need of weapons of mass destruction (nuclear, chemical, biological or radiological). Praying for those who campaign against their existence/use, for those who suffer because of their use (Syria) and for those who have responsibility for them
22		Pray for those who live and work in communist countries/societies. Especially where the values and principles are abused by those in power. We pray for the peoples of Russia and China – especially at this time when the world seems a 'less safe' place.
23	Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna 155	Born in about 69, disciple of John the Apostle (probably) and knew those who had known Jesus. Pray that we may know Jesus in Scripture and through the Holy Spirit, and that we may find Him in the Eucharist (as did Polycarp). Pray for the people of Turkey, people of all faiths, and for the current challenges they face – especially military action in Syria, relationship with Kurds and political disruption.
24		Pray for astronomers – academic and amateur, observational and theoretical. Those who work to develop our knowledge beyond our earth, to help us understand creation and time. Pray for those who work on the land, especially arable farmers and cultivators of spices and herbs, that are used for culinary or health practices. Pray for those who use or work with plants to the good effect of humankind. Giving thanks for the richness of creation.
25	Second Sunday of Lent	Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory
26		Remember in prayer all those you love and who are important to you. Remember also the unloved – those for whom no one cares.

		Remember those who work as politicians who are sometimes the subject of hate, may they work for the good of society. Pray that they may be informed by the values of justice, mercy and peace, working for the common good.
27	George Herbert Priest & Poet 1633	Pray for all who suffer from any of the conditions associated with dementia. Pray for the carers of those who live with the condition, for the medical staff who provide comfort and support, for researchers who seek new ways to combat the condition. Remember those charities who address the challenge of this condition.
28		Pray for all Carers (of the sick, elderly, those in need). Give thanks for the support they give to loved ones, the benefit they provide to the economy; how they sustain the NHS, and work to benefit all of society. Pray for those carers who have no choice and for those who feel they are not valued or recognised, and that there is role not understood.
29		Pray for sufferers of rare diseases. Diseases that impact on 1:2000, of which 80% are genetic and 50% in children. Usually with no cure. Pray for sufferers, parents, those who support them, and researchers.