

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

Date	Festival	Prayers
1	David, Bp of Menevia, Patron of Wales 601	Pray for those who work as teachers in primary, secondary and tertiary education. For all in support roles, researchers and educational administration. May they work to enable us to understand interconnectedness, interdependencies and the importance of wisdom. Pray for the people of Wales and the work of the Church in Wales
2	St Chad 672	Bishop of Mercia, remembering his mission work in Britain and continue with this work in the present. Pray for deepening the relationships between the Roman Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion – Chad worked to align Roman and Celtic Christianity in Britain.
3		Give thanks for all of creation and our part in this, and our responsibility for this. Give thanks for the richness of the living world and pray for those who work for environmentally focused organizations and for increased awareness of the impacts of climate change Pray also for Bristol Diocesan Synod which meets today
4	Lent 3	Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
5		Pray for the 27 <sup>th</sup> Bristol Brownies who meet in the Randall Room and Rachel (Brown Owl). Pray for the Scouting Movement. Brownies, Guides, Scouts, Rangers – members, volunteers, organizations. Those who work to enable young people to play constructive roles in society.
6		Pray for those employed in the frozen food industry (techniques developed by Clarence Birdseye). Pray for those who are dependent upon simple meals frozen and stored at home because they are housebound for whatever reason.
7	Perpetua, Felicity and Companions 203	Pray for those who are willing to give their lives for what they believe, for Christian martyrs (especially women) in our world now. Pray for all Christians who are equal in the sight of God (high born Perpetua was martyred with slaves) Pray for the Brothers of the Society of St Francis and the Sisters of the Community of St Francis in the Anglican Community.
8	Edward King Bp of Lincoln 1910 (Studdert Kennedy 1883)	Pray for the work of Cuddesdon Theological College, and the continuing impact of Catholic Renewal in the CofE. (Edward King) Give thanks for the legacy of Studdart Kennedy (WW1 Padre on Western Front, who won an MC for working with the wounded) and was engaged with Christian Socialism and Pacifism.
9		Pray for all engaged in the tobacco industry. But especially those who work to help people break the habit, those working and researching for better health, smokers and those who are trying to give up. Pray for students and staff at UWE Education Department – who are with us today at ASC
10		Pray for those who suffer from kidney disease, those who care for them and are specialist in this field. Kidney donors and researchers

		into these diseases
11	Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal
12		Pray for all who work as Domestic Engineers, in particular plumbers. Remember in prayer older people who live in fear of things going wrong in their houses, and who fear the visit of a stranger to put things right.
13		Praying for all who live within the Abrahamic Faiths. May a better understanding develop between Christians, Jews and Muslims. Our role, as people of Faith, is not to 'prove' the existence of God, but to lead people to grow in their faith.
14		Pray for Entomologists. Those who study insects not only as an academic subject but also those who work to reduce impact of invertebrate spread of disease, especially those carried by insects – mosquitoes (malaria) tsetse flies (sleeping sickness), ticks (Lyme disease).
15		Pray for those who provide and use the Sacrament of Penance. May each one of us take time in Lent to reflect on our life and seek better ways to serve God.
16		Give thanks that public authorities are obliged to share certain information about their activity and conduct so that this openness helps ensure political health. Pray for those who live under regimes where information is not shared and where people are divided by fear and secrecy. (Freedom of Information Day)
17	Patrick of Ireland (about 460)	Pray for the Church of Ireland, Archbishop Richard Clarke, its people and work. Giving thanks for the Celtic tradition. Praying for the growing links between the Anglicans Church and the Roman Catholic Church
18	Lent 5 Passiontide	Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory
19	Joseph of Nazareth	Pray for husbands and fathers, and for those who work with their hands (carpenters) but also technologists those who make things out of materials. Reflect that in the Judaic/Christian account of creation God makes everything from nothing, and that it was good.
20	Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne 687	Almighty God, who called your servant Cuthbert from following the flock to follow your Son and to be a shepherd of your people: in your mercy, grant that we, following his example, may bring those who are lost home to your fold Pray for the Pilgrim Voyage of Navigators of Faith – the round Britain path of Celtic Pilgrims
21	Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop, Reformation Martyr 1556	Pray for those who raise children on their own – single parents. Pray also for those who help and support them in this task – grandparents, neighbours and friends. Pray for those who work to change ideologies, behaviours and shift public opinion. Those who suffer from discrimination or prejudice because of race
22		Nearly every job is dependents upon water. Pray that the right use of

		'the power of water' may positively transform people's lives (World Water Day).
23		Pray for those who suffer from Tuberculosis (TB), those who care and nurse, and those who work in TB research. The majority of deaths (95% which equates to about 1.5 million people) occur in developing countries – pray for more effective health care in developing countries.
24	Walter Hilton of Thurgarton, Augustinian Canon, Mystic, 1396 Paul Couturier, Priest, Ecumenist, 1953 Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, Martyr, 1980	Paul Couturier - French priest who was instrumental in establishing Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; studied under Dom Lambert Beauduin and Pierre Teilhard de Chardin.  Pray for Christians who are scientists, who in their work find a real or philosophical expression of their faith. Pray for the Bristol Christians in Science and all who attend the series 'Our Fragile Planet'.
25	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection
26	<b>Monday in Holy Week</b>	<i>God of love, my prayer is simple: your son, Jesus, suffered and died for me. I know only that I cannot have real strength unless I rely on you.</i>
27	<b>Tuesday in Holy Week</b>	<i>God of such unwavering love, how do I "celebrate" the passion and death of Jesus? I often want to look the other way and not watch, not stay with Jesus in his suffering</i>
28	<b>Wednesday in Holy Week</b>	<i>My saviour, do you invite me to share in the glory of the resurrection? Please stay with me as I struggle to see how accepting the crosses of my life will free me.</i>
29	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	God our Father, you have invited us to share in the supper which your Son gave to his Church to proclaim his death until he comes: may he nourish us by his presence, and unite us in his love
30	<b>Good Friday</b>	Almighty Father, look with mercy on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross
31	<b>Holy Saturday</b>	Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory

1	<b>Easter Day</b>	God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
2	Monday of Easter Week	Pray for farmers and all who work with and on the land. Especially those with 'small farms' whose work benefits local communities, who are frequently challenged by changes in weather or in government policy; may they receive the right reward for their precious labours.
3	Tuesday of Easter Week	Pray for your neighbours. (Who are our neighbours? Each and every person who extends a hand, a stranger or a friend.) Pray for the work of organizations here in Bristol which do extend hands of help to strangers – refugees and all who are in any need.

4	Wednesday of Easter Week	Pray for all those working in the medical profession as physicians, especially Junior Doctors and specialists. Pray for and give thanks for the work of the NHS; remember that many of the services provided by the NHS and Social Care are increasingly subject to reduced investment – pray for ‘right decisions’.
5	Thursday of Easter Week	Pray for those who are engaged in the distilling industries – especially whisky. Pray for those who are challenged by alcohol and develop dependencies, pray for those organizations that serve to help and support them. Pray for the AA groups that meet here at ASC.
6	Friday of Easter Week	Pray for those working in laboratories, as researchers and teachers, technicians and analysts. Pray for our two Universities in Bristol and they work they do in preparing students for future scientific roles; remember the students, lecturers and staff. (Robert Bunsen Burner Day)
7	Saturday of Easter Week	Pray for those who work in law, as solicitors, barrister and judges; and also those who work in the court. Those who are in need of legal help and those who find themselves on the wrong side of ‘what is right’, for those who are in prison.
8	Easter 2	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
9	The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary	We beseech you, O Lord, pour your grace into our hearts, that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection