Sunday 15th April  3rd Sunday of Easter

Global:  The Church of Ireland The Most Revd Richard Clarke Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan

Companion Link: Nordkirche, Church of Northern Germany.

Next month a group of 20 pilgrims from Lichfield will be heading to Ireland where they will join with an equivalent number of pilgrims from our German, partner Church, the Nordkirche. The combined group will be tracing the footsteps of Chad’s Celtic influences. Please pray for the group and our strengthening partnership with the Nordkirche.

Rev Preb Terry Bloor

Local:  For growth in understanding and co-operation with other faiths; Diocesan Interfaith Staff: for Revds David Primrose, Allan Townsend and Ray Gaston. Give thanks for the work of Near Neighbours  http://bit.ly/2c50BPM and for Ruth Burgess as she coordinates this in the work within the Black Country Hub

Today:  Please pray for Revd Mark Chadwick, Vicar of Shrewsbury S. Chad, S. Mary and S. Alkmund as he moves to his new appointment as Army Chaplain to 27 Logistics Regiment, Royal Garrison Church of All Saints, Aldershot


Monday 16th April Isabella Gilmore, Deaconess, 1923

Global:  Carlisle - The Rt Revd James Newcome and The Rt Revd Robert Freeman

Local:  The parish of Shrewsbury Holy Cross in the deanery of Shrewsbury

Vicar - The Revd Paul Firmin, LLMs- Mr Michael Duckett, Mrs Dianna Firmin,

CWs- Mrs Anne Grudgin, Mr Kenneth Poulter,

For the conclusion of all the building works on the exterior of the Abbey – that it may be a scaffold-free place – and the subsequent internal works proceed well. For our Ministry of Welcome to the Abbey and to St. Peter’s – especially we pray that tourists and visitors may become pilgrims, pilgrims may become worshippers and worshippers may become witnesses. For all who help to lead the worship, prayer and outreach life of the parish – at the Abbey, at St. Peter’s and at the Parish Hall

The Revd Paul Firmin

Today:  16th-18th April, meeting of Diocesan Bishops & Archbishops, Merville, Northern France

For you, a bishop; with you, a Christian’ (St Augustine). We pray for the diocesan bishops and archbishops of the Church of England gathering in Merville, that they may be given a fresh sense of discipleship so that they may lead your people by following Jesus.

A meeting of the Wolverhampton Episcopal Area Mission and Pastoral Committee- 7.15pm

+Michael Ipgrave

Tuesday 17th April

Global:  Cashel & Ossory - (Dublin, Ireland) The Rt Revd Michael Burrows

Local:  The Westlands S. Andrew in the deanery of Newcastle

Vicar- The Revd Andrew Dawswell, Curate- The Revd Leslie Siu

LLM- Mrs Irene Hardacre, CWs- Mrs Helen Dodds, Mr David Morgan

Today:  A meeting of the Benefice Buildings Committee-10.00am
Wednesday 18th April

Global: Central Buganda - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Michael Lubowa

Local: The parishes of Leaton and Albrighton with Battlefield, Bicton, Montford, with Shrawardine & Fitz in the deanery of Shrewsbury

Priest in Charge- The Revd Mary-Lou Toop, Associate minister- The Revd Canon Robert Parsons, Curate- The Revd Hannah Lins, LLMs- Mr Malcolm Dawson, Mrs Joyce Jagger, Mr David Fletcher CWs- Mr David Jagger, Mr Ian Hall, Mrs Wendy Horan, Mrs Clare Dixon, Mrs Tricia Jones, Mrs Esther Oates, Mrs Maureen Jones,

Please pray for our Messy Church at Bomere Heath and Bicton as it meets for the first time, for our Open the Book teams in Bomere and Bicton, and for our schools at Bomere Heath and Bicton, for the staff and governors, children and families.

The Revd Mary-Lou Toop

Today: Diocese training event- Social Media Training for people across the Diocese - 9.30am

Thursday 19th April  Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1012

Global: The Most Revd Thabo Makgoba Archbishop of Capetown and Primate of Southern Africa Cape Town - Table Bay - (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Garth Counsell

Local: Audley S James the Great in the deanery of Newcastle
Vicar- The Revd Simon Tomkins
LLM- Mrs Annette Dodd, Mr Timothy Green Mrs Paivi Pratt, Mr Shayne Trinder
CWs- Mr Brian Dodd, Mr Jon Courthold

Special focus- Interfaith- The Revd Ray Gaston

Christ who has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, give us the courage to build relationships with those whose faith is different from our own. Christ who made time to listen to the Samaritan Woman, give us ears which listen without prejudice to what is precious for others

Christ who encourages us to consider others better than ourselves, help us to recognise where we ourselves fall short and never to compare our own ideals with other people’s practices.

Christ who stood by those who were misunderstood, help us to speak up for all whose faith is misrepresented. Christ who called people not by coercion but through gracious invitation, help us to speak with honesty and humility about our faith. Christ whose will is to bring all things in heaven and on earth together, make us channels of your peace.

Andrew MacGuire (adapted)

Friday 20th April

Global: Central Busoga - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Patrick Wakula

Local: Lichfield S. Michael in the deanery of Lichfield
Rector – Archdeacon Simon Baker Associate Ministers- The Revds Ruth Bull, Linda Collins
LLMs- Mr Philip Clayton, Dr Trevor James, Mr Peter Salt, Mr Alan Toplis

Please pray that we may establish good and deep relationships with those moving into new housing developments in our parish and for our ministry to families and children, that it may continue to grow, and that more leaders may emerge. Please pray for the new ecumenical project ‘Memory Cafe’ beginning on April 19th, giving thanks for all volunteers and care-givers, and praying they may be encouraged.

The Revd Linda Collins

Saturday 21st April Anselm, Abbot of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith

Global: Central Ecuador - (XI, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Victor Scantlebury

Prayer for the week: Eternal God, who gave great gifts to your servant Anselm as a pastor and teacher: grant that we, like him, may desire you with our whole heart and, so desiring, may seek you and, seeking, may find you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Revd Philip Swan