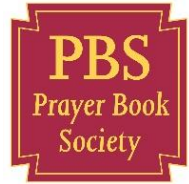


I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men.
1 Timothy 2.1

PRAYER CALENDAR

MARCH APRIL MAY JUNE 2017



Abbreviations: C Chairman S Secretary T Treasurer

<p>1 March ASH WEDNESDAY <i>St David</i></p>	<p><i>Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee, for thou art my God : let thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness</i> Evensong: Proper Ps 143.10 Attending to what pleases God: this is the whole business of Lent. Remember today's PBS conference at St John's College, Cambridge on The Penitential Theology of the Book of Common Prayer. And of course Wales!</p>
<p>2 <i>St Chad</i></p>	<p>The 1662 Circle and all kindly remembering PBS in their wills</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Peterborough Branch C: Mr Alan Palmer S: Mrs Mary Stewart T: Mr J Stewart</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Revd Canon Cyril Roberts: North West Regional Trustee</p>
<p>5 LENT 1</p>	<p><i>Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God</i> <i>Gospel for Today</i> Three times in today's Gospel Jesus says <i>It is written</i> when rebuking the devil. Let us too combat the evil one with <i>the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God</i> [Ephesians 6.17].</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Prayer Book historians and theologians</p>
<p>7 <i>St Perpetua</i></p>	<p>Corporate Members: All Saints, Kirtling (Ely) St Helen, Abbotsham (Exeter)</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Planning of PBS input to major National School Chaplaincy Conference 21-23 June in Liverpool</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Our Investment Advisers: Charles Stanley</p>

10		Leeds: Ripon & Leeds Branch C: Judge Shaun Spencer QC S & T: Mr John Wimpres
11		Our Copyhold Farm staff: Adrienne Syrett (Office Manager), Belinda Clarke, Kaz French and Geraldine Brooksbank; and volunteer assistants Terry Furlonger and Stan & Marian Hope
12	LENT 2 St Gregory the Great	St Paul pulls no punches in today's Epistle [1 Thessalonians 4.1-8]. Nor does the Prayer Book Litany: <i>From fornication, and all other deadly sin; and from the deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil, Good Lord, deliver us.</i> And how apt the Collect is.
13		Give thanks for all who use the Prayer Book daily
14		Corporate Members: St Petrock, Clannaborough (Exeter) St Michael and All Angels, Badminton & Little Badminton (Gloucester)
15		Lay Patrons: Rt Hon Lord Hurd of Westwell CH CBE PC Lord Sudeley FSA
16		More BCP use at diocesan and deanery services
17	St Patrick * *1928 Calendar	The people of Ireland, our sister Church in Ireland and Prayer Book supporters there
18	St Edward King of W Saxons	Finance and Fundraising Committee C: Mr John Wimpres
19	LENT 3	<i>Be our defence against all our enemies Collect of the Day Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies Mattins: Second Collect</i> And not least from the opportunistic spiritual adversaries that Christ warns of in today's Gospel [Luke 11.14-28]
20	St Joseph of Nazareth *(transf) *CW Calendar	Ponder how Mary's gracious acceptance of God's purposes is mirrored in Joseph's own gracious deference to divine prompting. Practical, kind and honourable, he is an ideal guardian. [Matt 1,2 and Luke 2]
21	St Benedict Thomas Cranmer* *CW Calendar	Corporate Members: St Peter, Rodmarton (Gloucester) St Barnabas, Ranmore, Dorking (Guildford)
22		Our Solicitors: Winckworth Sherwood LLP

23	<i>The Prayer Book Today</i> Editor: Revd Canon Andrew Hawes. All Contributors.
24	Salisbury Branch C: Mr Mike Rowlandson S: Mrs Lucy Pearson T: Mr Ian Woodhead
25 ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Pray for gifts of faith and obedience that will open our hearts to the power of the Holy Ghost to make our lives both Christ-like and Christ-bearing, like Blessed Mary's.
26 LENT 4 <i>Mothing Sunday</i>	<i>Jesus said, Make the men sit down</i> Gospel for the Day Mid-Lent Sunday provides relief and refreshment ahead of Passiontide. We recall the hungry crowd miraculously refreshed; but note too how the Lord enlists practical support from his followers. Church mission requires attention to practicalities.
27	Practical co-operation between PBS and other organisations with compatible interests
28	Corporate Members: The Choral Foundation, Hampton Court Palace St Swithin, Clunbury (Hereford)
29	PBS Press Officer: Mr Tim Stanley
30	Clergy seeking to introduce or maintain BCP use
31	Sodor & Man Branch C: Mr Rob Riding S: Mrs Clare Faulds T: Mrs Angela Rogers
1 April	Mr John Service: Churches & Clergy Co-ordinator and his work with clergy, ordinands, parishes, church training institutions and relevant PBS committees
2 LENT 5 <i>Passion Sunday</i>	<i>...Behold, we go up to Jerusalem</i> Mattins: Second Lesson 1928 Calendar [Matthew 20.18] The Son of man goes to be betrayed, condemned, mocked, scourged and crucified. In heart and mind this Passiontide, dare we join the Twelve who go with him?
3 <i>St Richard</i>	Corporate Members: Chelsea Old Church, London (London) St George's, Hanworth (London)
4 <i>St Ambrose</i>	More exploration of the BCP as a 'book for mission'

5	Nominations Committee
6	Provision in DVD format of our online videos of Prayer Book services
7	Southwell & Nottingham Branch S: Mr Adrian Sunman
8	Miss Prudence Dailey: Chairman of PBS
9	<p>SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE EASTER Palm Sunday</p> <p><i>And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith... What, could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation. Mattins: Second Lesson 1928 Calendar [Matthew 26.40,41] The devil will do his utmost this week of weeks to distract us from prayer and watchfulness with our Lord. Do not indulge him.</i></p>
10	<p>Monday before Easter</p> <p><i>Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow. Mattins: First Lesson 1928 Calendar [Lamentations 1.12] Reflect on the Lord's appalling sufferings. And pray for victims of outrageous cruelty today. We must not pass by. 'Did e'er such love and sorrow meet...?'</i></p>
11	<p>Tuesday before Easter</p> <p><i>Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends Mattins: Second Lesson 1928 Calendar [John 15.13] 'But O my Friend, my Friend indeed'</i></p>
12	<p>Wednesday before Easter</p> <p><i>The LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent and set it upon a pole... it came to pass that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived Mattins: First Lesson 1928 Calendar [Numbers 21.8,9] 'To thy Cross we look and live'</i></p>
13	<p>THURSDAY BEFORE EASTER Maundy Thursday</p> <p><i>The people said, All that the Lord has said we will do... Moses... sprinkled [the blood of the covenant] on the people. Then went up Moses ... and all the people, and ... they saw God, and did eat and drink Mattins: First Lesson 1928 Calendar [Exodus 24.7-11]</i> The ancient rite prefigures the new covenant in Christ's blood proclaimed in the Supper where Bread and Wine are broken and shared in the Lord's presence. <i>This do*</i>, says Jesus. *Epistle for Today</p>

<p>14 GOOD FRIDAY</p>	<p>He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities : the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed <i>Evensong: First Lesson 1928 Calendar [Isaiah 53,5]</i> By thine Agony and bloody sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious death and burial... Good Lord, deliver us <i>The Litany</i></p>
<p>15 EASTER EVE</p>	<p>Christ ... suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit; by which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison <i>Epistle for Today [1 Peter 3,18,19]</i> Please God, may both we, and those gone before us in faith, come to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living [Ps 27.16]</p>
<p>16 EASTER DAY</p>	<p>For as in Adam all die : even so in Christ shall all be made alive <i>Easter Anthems [1 Cor 15.20]</i> Thanks indeed be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ [1 Cor 15.57]. Praise him!</p>
<p>17 Monday in Easter Week</p>	<p>Jesus himself drew near... But their eyes were holden that they should not know him <i>Gospel for the Day</i> Pray for those who, for whatever reason, cannot discern their Lord's closeness</p>
<p>18 Tuesday in Easter Week</p>	<p>Thus it is written... it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day <i>Gospel for the Day</i> The risen Lord 'opens the Scriptures' to the Eleven in Jerusalem just as he does for the two Emmaus disciples. He is the fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets. We cannot neglect the Old Testament.</p>
<p>19 <i>St Alphege</i></p>	<p>Cranmer Awards Committee C: Mr Nicholas Hurst</p>
<p>20</p>	<p><i>Faith and Worship</i> Editor: Mr John Scrivener</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>St Albans Branch C: Mr Damian Cranmer S: Dr Matthew Clarke</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>Mr Ben Fowler: PBS Website Administrator</p>
<p>23 EASTER 1 <i>St George</i></p>	<p>The doors were shut for fear of the Jews <i>Gospel for the Day</i> The Lord's tomb was found open but, like</p>

[Easter 1 cont.]

their room in Jerusalem, the disciples' hearts are locked for fear. Pray for the faith that dispels fear and opens our lives to service and mission for Christ - like that of our soldier patron St George.

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Promoting BCP use for baptisms, weddings and funerals; also for ordinations

25 **ST MARK
Evangelist**

The contention was... sharp between them... so Barnabas took Mark... and Paul chose Silas Mattins: *Second Lesson 1928 Calendar [Acts 15.39,40] Take Mark and bring him with thee, for he is profitable to me for the ministry* Evensong: *Second Lesson 1928 Calendar [1 Timothy 4.11]* The change of tone between these readings hints at a reconciliation. Pray for reconciliation of all good Christian souls who have quarrelled.

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HRH The Prince of Wales KG KT GCB, Patron of PBS
Lord Cormack DL FSA, President of PBS

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Prayer Book use in hospitals and care homes

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Leeds: Wakefield Branch
C & S: Revd Philip Reynolds

29

Revd David Harris: Deputy Chairman of PBS

30 **EASTER 2**

Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example... who did no sin... who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not Epistle for the Day *The Lord's ensample of godly life* is the standard we are called to, challenging as it is.*

**Collect of the Day*

1 **May**
**ST PHILIP
& ST JAMES
Apostles**

*Philip findeth Nathanael, and said unto him, We have found him of whom Moses and the prophets did write, Jesus of Nazareth... Nathanael said... Can any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, **Come and see.*** First Evensong: *Second Lesson 1928 Calendar [John 1.45,46]* Pray that we too may be encouragers in the face of scepticism

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Corporate Members: St James Garlickhythe,
City of London (London)
St Philip & St James, Whitton (London)

3	Invention of the Cross	God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world <i>Galatians 6.14</i>
4		Prison chaplaincy and BCP provision for prisoners
5		Worcester Branch C: Mr John Comins S: Mr Stephen Evans
6	St John ante Portam Latinam	Branch Representatives' Council C: Revd J Lee Potter S: Mr John Dearing
7	EASTER 3	Be thankful for the fellowship of Christ's religion [<i>Collect of the Day</i>] and earnestly Love the brotherhood [<i>Epistle for the Day</i>]. It is the Lord's family... how great a treasure... the sheep of Christ, bought with his death, and for whom he shed his blood... his spouse and his body [<i>Ordering of Priests</i>]. Handle with care .
8		PBS initiatives for students and ordinands
9		Corporate Members: St Simon Zelotes, Chelsea (London) St Michael, Cornhill, London (London)
10		Our new Youth Committee, and the appointment of its Chairman
11		Lay Readers/Lay Ministers supporting the BCP
12		Bath & Wells Branch C: Mr Christopher Jeffries S: Mr Ian Girvan T: Mr Michael Peace
13		Mr John Wimpres: Treasurer and Ordinary Trustee
14	EASTER 4	Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give So we pray daily at Evensong [<i>The Second Collect, for Peace</i>]. But see too this Sunday's fine Collect, which expands the theme with great insight.
15		Our bursary appeal helping clergy, ordinands and young people attend our Annual Conference
16		Corporate Members: St George, Headstone (London) St James, Ashworth (Manchester)
17		Marketing and Communications Committee
18		Use of BCP material in school worship

19 St Dunstan

Blackburn Branch President: His Honour Edward Slinger Vice-President: Mr Neil Inkley C: Revd Herbert Alan Reid S: Mr Christopher Norton

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Mrs Rosemary Hall: Annual Conference Organiser

21 **EASTER 5**
Rogation Sunday

O Lord, from whom all good things do come *Collect of the Day* God is indeed the author and giver of all good things [*Collect for Trinity 7*], for we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves [*Collect for Lent 2*]. He often gives, even though we have not prayed; but it is always **he** who gives. And prayer is the best way: Ask... that your joy may be **full** [*Gospel for the Day*].

22 Rogation Day

We humbly beseech thee that... upon our true repentance thou wilt send us such weather, as that we may receive the fruits of the earth in due season; and learn both by thy punishment to amend our lives, and for thy clemency to give thee praise and glory
Prayers and Thanksgivings: For fair Weather

23 Rogation Day

... Have mercy upon us, that we... now punished for our sins... may... find a seasonable relief: Increase the fruits of the earth by thy heavenly benediction; and grant that we, receiving thy bountiful liberality, may use the same to thy glory, the relief of those that are needy, and our own comfort...
Prayers and Thanksgivings: In the time of Dearth and Famine (2)

24 Rogation Day
Ascension Eve

Jesus himself stood in the midst... he shewed them his hands and his feet... they gave him a piece of broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And... he did eat before them. *Evensong: Second Lesson 1928 Calendar [Luke 24]*
Christ risen and glorified well knows our earthly needs. He himself has shared them.

25 **ASCENSION DAY**

Through thy most dearly beloved Son... who after his most glorious Resurrection manifestly appeared to all his Apostles, and in their sight ascended up into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory *Holy Communion: Proper Preface for Ascensiontide*
Believe, and give glory to Christ the Trailblazer!

26 <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>	The Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Anglican Communion
27 <i>Venerable Bede</i>	Miss Hilary Rudge: Company Secretary and Ordinary Trustee
28 SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION	<p><i>Wait for the promise of the Father...ye shall receive power...ye shall be witnesses... While they beheld, he was taken up... [The Eleven] all continued in prayer and supplication, with the women, and with Mary the mother of Jesus and his brethren</i></p> <p><i>Evensong: Second Lesson 1928 Calendar [Acts1.1-14]</i></p> <p>The ascending Lord's charge is for us too. And good reason that we should pray.</p>
29	Patrons of livings. Parishes of which PBS is patron.
30	<p>Corporate Members: St Margaret, Hollinwood (Manchester)</p> <p>Holy Paraclete Church, Kirkhaugh (Newcastle)</p>
31	Conference Committee C: Miss Prudence Dailey
1 <i>June</i> <i>St Nicomede</i>	Support for the integrity of Prayer-Book friendly parishes in interregnum or facing amalgamation
2	Bristol Branch S: Mr Roger Tucker T: Mr David Flemington S (Membership): Mrs Joyce Morris
3	Our generous group of Benefactors to PBS
4 WHIT SUNDAY	<p><i>... tongues, like as of fire... sat upon each... they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues. Lesson for the Epistle [Acts 2.1-11]</i></p> <p>The tongues of Pentecost both empower and equip the disciples to be effectual <i>apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers [Eph 4.11]</i>. Pray that, whether as mighty wind or still small voice, the Spirit will stir us for service and mission today.</p>
5 Whit Monday <i>St Boniface</i>	<p><i>He that doeth truth cometh to the light Gospel for the Day</i></p> <p><i>In thy light shall we see light Ps 36.9</i> Pray for the light of the Spirit by which we shall see the light of Christ. For the Spirit of truth testifies to the Son who is the truth [John 14.6;15.26].</p>

<p>6 Whit Tuesday</p>	<p><i>[Peter and John] laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost</i> <small>Lesson for the Epistle [Acts 8.17]</small> <i>Strengthen them, we beseech thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost the Comforter... Order of Confirmation</i> Pray that many will once more seek the apostolic grace of confirmation by a bishop</p>
<p>7 <i>Ember Day</i></p>	<p>Ponder the BCP's challenging rubric requiring a sermon declaring the duty and office of such as come to be admitted Deacons [or Priests]; how necessary that Order is in the Church of Christ, and also how the people ought to esteem them in their office. <small>[the Making of Deacons; the Ordering of Priests]</small></p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Preparations for our PBS Annual Conference 2017 7-9 September Girton College, Cambridge</p>
<p>9 <i>Ember Day</i></p>	<p>Theological colleges and training courses. Ordinands in training and their families.</p>
<p>10 <i>Ember Day</i></p>	<p>Those being ordained deacon and priest this Trinitytide and at Petertide</p>
<p>11 TRINITY SUNDAY</p>	<p>Question. <i>What dost thou chiefly learn in these Articles of thy Belief?</i> Answer. <i>First I learn to believe in God the Father, who made me, and all the world. Secondly, in God the Son, who hath redeemed me, and all mankind. Thirdly, in God the Holy Ghost, who sanctifieth me, and all the elect people of God.</i> <small>The Catechism</small></p>
<p>12 ST BARNABAS Apostle <i>(transf)</i></p>	<p><i>Barnabas ... a Levite and of the country of Cyprus, Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet</i> <small>First Evensong: Second Lesson 1928 Calendar [Acts 4.36,7]</small> May we too be generous in our attitudes and our giving</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>Corporate Members: All Saints, Beeston Regis (Norwich) St Peter & St Paul, Halvergate (Norwich)</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>Forthcoming Branch and Regional PBS activities and those organising them</p>

<p>15 Day of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion* *CW & 1928 Calendars</p>	<p>Question. What is required of them who come to the Lord's Supper? Answer. To examine themselves, whether they repent them truly of their former sins, stedfastly purposing to lead a new life; have a lively faith in God's mercy through Christ, with a thankful remembrance of his death; and be in charity with all men. <i>The Catechism</i></p>
<p>16</p>	<p>Carlisle Branch S: Mrs Joy Budden S (Membership): Mrs Kate East</p>
<p>17 St Alban</p>	<p>PBS advertising and our advertisers Mr Ian Woodhead: Advertising Manager</p>
<p>18 TRINITY 1</p>	<p><i>He that loveth not his brother, whom he hath seen, how can he love God, whom he hath not seen?</i> <i>Epistle for Today</i> The poor rich-man in today's Gospel receives no pity; but, then, he showed none. He loves only himself - no qualification for heaven.</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>Revd Dr Stephen Edmonds: Ordinary Trustee</p>
<p>20 St Edward King of W Saxons (transl)</p>	<p>Corporate Members: All Saints, Morston (Norwich) St Peter & St Paul, Shropham (Norwich)</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>National School Chaplaincy Conference 21-23 June Liverpool Hope University - with PBS input</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>Miss Merriel Halsall-Williams: Cranmer Awards Administrator</p>
<p>23 Fast/Vigil</p>	<p>Chester Branch C: Revd Dr Mark Hart S & T: Mr J D Baldwin</p>
<p>24 Nativity of ST JOHN BAPTIST</p>	<p><i>Make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake</i> <i>Collect of the Day</i> Daunting words. But we also have John's incomparable: <i>Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world [John 1.36] and He must increase and I must decrease [John 3.30].</i> Such good advice.</p>

25 TRINITY 2	<i>I have bought a piece of ground... I have bought five yoke of oxen... I have married a wife</i> Gospel for the Day Property, work, family... When will we stop making excuses for putting God last?
26	Revd Dr Daniel Newman: Ordinary Trustee
27	Corporate Members: St Andrew, Wickmere cum Wolterton (Norwich) St Bartholomew's Chapel, Goring Heath (Oxford)
28 Fast/Vigil	Churches and Ministry Committee C: Revd David Harris
29 ST PETER Apostle	<i>Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have I give unto thee: in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk</i> First Evensong: Second Lesson 1928 Calendar [Acts 3] Peter has gifts to bestow better than mere alms: Christ's power to heal, Christ's authority to bind and to loose [Gospel for Today Matthew 16.19] and the pastoral care of Christ's flock entrusted to him. [Second Evensong: Second Lesson 1928 Calendar John 21.15-19]
30	Coventry Branch C: Mr Richard Cole S & T: Mr Peter Bolton

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