



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Diocese of Leeds



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March 2026

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Jonathan Triffitt - Bradford
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Sunday 1st March

David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c.601

Creator God, you have generously blessed us with the good gifts of your creation and entrusted us to care for its abundance. Help us to live in ways that ensure your gifts will be available for the next generation.

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Monday 2nd March

Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672

Golcar and Longwood (Huddersfield Episcopal Area)

Golcar St John the Evangelist, Longwood St Mark the Evangelist

Golcar St John's C of E VA Junior & Infant School

Revd Simon Crook (Incumbent), Patience Muparutsa (Occasional Preacher), Richard Voase (Occasional Preacher)

Jennifer Grindley (Headteacher)

The Diocese of Toamasina – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Tuesday 3rd March

Gomersal (Huddersfield)

Gomersal St Mary

Gomersal St Mary's (VC) Primary School

Revd Emily Tidball (Priest in Charge), Ms Linda Mumford (Reader)

Miss Jane Barker (Headteacher)

The Diocese of Tohoku – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Wednesday 4th March

Great and Little Ouseburn with Marton cum Grafton and Whixley with Green Hammerton (Ripon)

Great Ouseburn St Mary the Virgin, Green Hammerton St Thomas, Little Ouseburn Holy Trinity, Marton cum Grafton Christ Church, Whixley The Ascension

Green Hammerton C of E VC Primary School, Marton cum Grafton C of E (VA) Primary School and Nursery

Revd Sarah Feaster (Incumbent), Mr George Rowden (Reader)

Ms Davinia Pearson (Headteacher), Mrs Marie-Louise Thirlaway (Headteacher)

The Diocese of Tokyo – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Thursday 5th March

Great Horton and Lidget Green (Bradford)

Great Horton St John the Evangelist, Bradford St Wilfrid

Bradford St Oswald's CE Primary Academy

Revd Adam Dickson (Associate Priest), Revd Millie Cork (Assistant Curate), Revd Ludia Shukai (Assistant Curate), Canon Gabrielle Young (Reader), Ms Suzanne Jones (Reader), Mrs Jan Nicholson (Reader), Mr Simon Dennis (Reader), Mrs Josie Taylor

Mrs Gillian Wilson (Headteacher)

The Diocese of Toliara – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Friday 6th March

Greengates and Thorpe Edge (Bradford)

Greengates St John the Evangelist, Thorpe Edge St John the Divine

Revd Marianne Clough (Community Priest), Revd Steve Nuttall (Associate Priest), Revd Heather Hadow (Associate Priest), Revd Laya Watters (Assistant Curate), Mrs Susan Burrows (Reader), Mrs Kate Watts (Reader)

The Diocese of Tonj – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Saturday 7th March

Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203

Greetland and West Vale (Huddersfield)

Greetland St Thomas

Revd Amanda Ogilvie (Associate Priest), Mr Paul Buckley (Reader)

The Diocese of Torit – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Sunday 8th March

Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910; Felix, Bishop, Apostle to the East Angles, 647; Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, Priest, Poet, 1929; 3rd Sunday of Lent

We celebrate and give thanks for the achievements of women, and remember the women who have played a part in our lives. We acknowledge the challenges women still face, and pray that all women may know equality and know themselves to be respected, safe, included and empowered. Amen.

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

Monday 9th March

Guiseley with Esholt (Leeds)

Esholt St Paul, Guiseley St Oswald

Guiseley St Oswald's C of E (VA) Primary School, Hawksworth Primary School

Revd David Pickett (Incumbent), Revd John Richardson (Associate Priest), Miss Despina Hadjioannou (Reader), Mr Colin Avison (Reader)

Ms Matilda Brown (Headteacher), Mr Dale Norris (Headteacher)

The Diocese of Toronto – The Anglican Church of Canada

Tuesday 10th March

Halifax All Saints (Huddersfield)

Halifax All Saints

Halifax All Saints Junior and Infant School

Revd Jen Middleton (Priest in Charge), Mr Ian Byfield (Reader)

Ms Lauren Watson (Headteacher)

The Diocese of Trichy-Tanjore – The Church of South India (United)

Wednesday 11th March

Halifax Holy Trinity, Saint Jude and Saint Augustine (Huddersfield)

Halifax St Augustine, Halifax St Jude

Holy Trinity Primary School (Halifax), St Augustine's C of E VA Junior and Infant School

Revd Stuart Stobart (Incumbent), Revd Sarah Louise Long (Assistant Curate) Mrs Jane Hoyle (Reader), Mr Mark Young (Reader)

Sarah Huby (Headteacher), Ruth Lee (Headteacher)

The Diocese of Trinidad and Tobago – The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Thursday 12th March

Halifax St Augustine and Mount Pellon (Huddersfield)

The Diocese of Truro – The Church of England

Friday 13th March

Halifax with Siddal (Huddersfield)

Halifax St John the Baptist (Minster), Siddal St Mark

Revd Canon Hilary Barber (Incumbent), Revd David Carpenter (Lecturer), Revd Sam Crook (Assistant Curate), Miss Trish Boyd (Reader), Mr Alan Riley (Reader – Emeritus),

The Diocese of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe – The Church of Ireland

Saturday 14th March

Hallikeld (Ripon)

Burneston St Lambert, Kirklington St Michael, Pickhill All Saints, Wath St Mary

Burneston C of E VA Primary School, Pickhill C of E VC Primary School

Revd James Gwyn-Thomas (Incumbent), Mr Peter Snowdon (Reader)

Suzy Smart (Acting Headteacher), Nikki Raynor (Headteacher)

The Diocese of Twik East – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Sunday 15th March

4th Sunday of Lent

Thank you God for the love of our mothers and mother figures, thank you God for their care and concern, thank you God for the joys they have shared with us, thank you God for the pains they have borne for us, thank you God for all that they give us. Amen.

The Anglican Church of Kenya

Monday 16th March

Halton (Leeds)

Halton St Wilfrid

Revd Caitlin Carmichael-Davis (Priest in Charge), Mrs Tricia Dickenson (Reader), Mrs Carol Stenner (Reader)

The Diocese of Udi – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Tuesday 17th March

Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c.460

Hampsthwaite and Killinghall and Birstwith (Ripon)

Birstwith St James, Felliscliffe Chapel, Hampsthwaite St Thomas a Becket, Killinghall St Thomas the Apostle

Birstwith CE Primary School, Hampsthwaite C of E VC Primary School, Killinghall C of E VC Primary School

Revd Scott Gardiner (Incumbent)

Mrs Rebecca Lyman (Headteacher), Ms Victoria Kirkman (Headteacher), Amy Ross (Headteacher), Ella Basharati (Headteacher)

The Diocese of Northern Uganda – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Wednesday 18th March

Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher of the Faith, 386

Harden and Wilsden, Cullingworth and Denholme (Bradford)

Cullingworth St John the Evangelist, Denholme Shared Church, Harden St Saviour, Wilsden St Matthew

Alison Young (Team Vicar), Mr Chris Wilcock (Reader)

The Diocese of Ughelli – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Thursday 19th March

Joseph of Nazareth

Harrogate St Mark (Ripon)

Harrogate St Mark

Revd Mike Resch (Incumbent), Revd Esli Lees (Assistant Curate), Revd John Duff (Associate Priest), Revd Dr James Handley (Associate Priest), Revd Elizabeth Resch (Associate Priest), Mrs Ruth Cundy (Reader)

The Diocese of Ukwa – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Friday 20th March

Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687

Harrogate St Wilfrid (Ripon)

Harrogate St Wilfrid

Revd Gary Waddington (Team Rector), Fr David Povall (Associate Priest)

The Diocese of Umuahia – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Saturday 21st March

Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556

Hartshead, Hightown, Roberttown and Scholes (Huddersfield)

Hartshead St Peter, Roberttown All Saints

Scholes St Philip and St James Roberttown CE (VC) Junior and Infant School

Mrs Alison Smith (Reader)

Ms Lauren Horsfall (Headteacher)

Te Pihopatanga o Te Upoko o Te Ika – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Sunday 22nd March

5th Sunday of Lent

Give thanks for our Retired Clergy and those with Permission to Officiate, for the invaluable support they give to parishes across the Diocese of Leeds.

The Anglican Church of Korea

Monday 23rd March

Haworth and Cross Roads cum Lees (Bradford)

Cross Roads St James, Haworth St Michael and All Angels, Stanbury St Gabriel

Revd Oli Preston (Priest in Charge), Revd Malcolm Young (Associate Priest)

The Diocese of Uruguay – The Anglican Church of South America

Tuesday 24th March

Walter Hilton of Thurgarton, Augustinian Canon, Mystic, 1396; Paul Couturier, Priest, Ecumenist, 1953; Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, Martyr, 1980

Headingley and All Hallows (Leeds)

Far Headingley St Chad, Headingley St Michael, Leeds All Hallows

Shire Oak C of E VC Primary School, St Chad's C of E VC Primary School

Revd Hannah Lievesley (Team Rector), VACANT (Team Vicar), Revd Heston Groenewald (Team Vicar), Revd Jo Barrington (Assistant Curate), Mrs Jan Kramer (Reader), Ms Katharine Salmon (Reader)

Ms Jane Devane (Headteacher), Gina Marsland (Headteacher)

The Diocese of Utah – The Episcopal Church

Wednesday 25th March

The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Hebden Bridge and Heptonstall (Huddersfield)

Hebden Bridge St James, Heptonstall St Thomas a Becket and St Thomas the Apostle

Hebden Royd C of E VA Primary School

Revd Ruthi Gibbons (Priest in Charge), Ms Shan Evans (Reader)

Rob Paton (Headteacher)

The Diocese of Uyo – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Thursday 26th March

Harriet Monsell, Founder of the Community of St John the Baptist, 1883

Heckmondwike (with Norristhorpe) and Liversedge (Huddersfield)

Heckmondwike St James, Liversedge Christ Church

Headlands CE (VC) Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Revd Melusi Sibanda (Incumbent), Mrs Margaret Mitchell (Reader), Mr Michael Walker (Reader)

Hannah Lord (Headteacher)

The Diocese of Valparaiso – Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Friday 27th March

Hellifield and Long Preston (Ripon)

Hellifield St Aidan, Long Preston St Mary the Virgin

Long Preston Endowed VA Primary School

Revd James Rodley (Incumbent)

Catherine Maddocks (Headteacher)

The Diocese of Vanuatu – The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Saturday 28th March

Hemsworth (Wakefield)

Archbishop Holgate Hospital Chapel, Hemsworth St Helen Hemsworth

St Helen's CE Primary School

Revd Robert Hart (Incumbent)

Lee Swift (Headteacher)

The Diocese of Vellore – The Church of South India (United)

Sunday 29th March

Palm Sunday

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Monday 30th March

High Harrogate Christ Church (Ripon)

High Harrogate Christ Church

St Aidan's CE High School

Revd Matthew Evans (Incumbent), Revd Caroline Taylor (Assistant Curate)

Sian Dover (Headteacher)

The Diocese of Venezuela – The Episcopal Church

Tuesday 31st March

John Donne, Priest, Poet, 1631

High Harrogate St Peter (Ripon)

High Harrogate St Peter

St Peter's C of E (VC) Primary School

Revd Dr Alan Garrow (Incumbent), Revd Chris Clayton (Associate Priest), Revd Steve Gibbin (Assistant Curate), Revd Karin Shaw (Assistant Curate) Mrs Hannah Beck (Reader), Dr

Stewart Davies (Reader), Mrs Catharine Davies (Reader), Mrs Sarah Martin (Reader)

Mr Paul Griffiths (Headteacher)

The Diocese of Vermont – The Episcopal Church

DIOCESAN OVERSEAS LINKS

SRI LANKA (The Church of Ceylon)

Diocese of Colombo	Bishop Dushantha Rodrigo
Diocese of Kurunegala	Bishop Nishantha Fernando

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (The Episcopal Church)

Diocese of Southwestern	Virginia Bishop Mark Bourlakas
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PAKISTAN (The Church of Pakistan)

Diocese of Faisalabad	Bishop John Samuel
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SUDAN (Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan)

Diocese of El Obeid	Bishop Ismail Gabriel Abudigin
Diocese of Kadugli	Bishop Andudu Adam Elnail
Diocese of Kadugli	Suffragan Bishop Hassan Osman
Diocese of Khartoum	Archbishop Ezekiel Kumir Kondo
Diocese of Port Sudan	Bishop Abdu Elnur Kodi
Diocese of Wad Medani	Bishop Saman Farajalla Mahdi

TANZANIA (The Anglican Church of Tanzania)

Diocese of Mara	Bishop George Okoth
Diocese of Rorya	Bishop Musa Yamo
Diocese of Tarime	Bishop R Mwita Akiri

SWEDEN (The Church of Sweden)

Diocese of Skara	Bishop Ulrica Fritzon
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GERMANY (The Evangelical Church of Central Germany)

Church District of Erfurt	Senior Matthias Rein
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