**Prayer Diary March 2023**

*My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour Luke 1:47*

The prayers each day are for:

* the mission and ministry of a benefice
* organisations, schools, events of the diocese and the wider community
* our link Diocese Kagera and World Mission

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For details of the Church of England calendar please visit [here](https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/churchs-year/calendar).

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| **Wed** **1 Mar 2023** | Waveney and Blyth DeaneryThe Saints: The Revd Leon Collyer; Lynda Lee (Reader) | Lent Courses beginning this week | As we enter the second week of Lent, we pray for the people of Kagera who are struggling because of crop failure due to drought and hailstorms. We pray for generosity from our own diocese towards the Lent Appeal. |
| **Thurs** **2 Mar 2023**  | Waveney and Blyth DeaneryHeveningham with Ubbeston, Huntingfield and Cookley: The Revd Dominic Doble | Rural and Area Deans, Lay Chairs and Deanery Organisers and their work in each deanery of the diocese | As Fairtrade Fortnight gets underway, we pray for all Fairtrade producers across the world. We pray that they will be able to sell more of their products at a Fairtrade price and so improve their standard of living and that of their communities. |
| **Fri** **3 Mar 2023** | Waveney and Blyth DeaneryBenefice of Wrentham, Covehithe with Benacre, Henstead with Hulver and Frostenden: vacant | The work of the Church Army in the diocese | On the Women’s World Day of Prayer, we pray for Taiwan which is the focus of prayers this year. ‘Lord in a land of so many people, and so many faiths, we pray for those who know you as the One True God.’ |
| **Sat** **4 Mar****2023** | Waveney and Blyth DeaneryHundred River and Wainford: vacant; The Revd Helen Kerridge | Prisons in Suffolk (Hollesley Bay, Warren Hill, Highpoint) | Kagera: The Revd Canon Ellis Ikambuza, Sub-Dean Cathedral, Murgwanza |
| **Sun** **5 Mar 2023** | Woodbridge DeaneryBenefice of Carlford and Benefice of Culpho: The Revd Katrina Dykes; The Revd Mark Cresswell; The Revd Gail Minter; James Hall and Jane Woods (Readers); Sandra Cresswell (Children and Family Minister) | For young people, youth work and groups | As we enter the second week of Fairtrade Fortnight we pray that more people in the UK and in our diocese will buy Fairtrade goods to enable our brothers and sisters around the world to get a fair price for the good they produce. |
| **Mon** **6 Mar 2023** | Woodbridge DeaneryMelton and Ufford: The Revd Paul Hambling | Church Schools in Woodbridge Deanery: Bawdsey Primary, Eyke Primary, Orford Primary, St Mary’s Primary, Woodbridge | Kagera: The Revd Jothamu Rulayi: Rural Dean of Murukulazo Deanery |
| **Tues** **7 Mar 2023** | Woodbridge DeaneryWoodbridge St Mary with Great Bealings: The Revd Nigel Prior; Charlotte Gooch and Virginia Spray (Children and Family Ministers) | Chaplains to Mental Health Care | Kagera: The Revd Mapinduzi Jonathan, Pastor on leave |
| **Wed** **8 Mar 2023** | Woodbridge DeaneryWilford Peninsula: The Revd Giles Tulk; The Revd Mandy Reynolds; The Revd Simon Cake | Diocesan Safeguarding Team as they deal with emergencies and arrange DBS and Safeguarding Training. | We continue to pray for those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. We pray for those who have lost loved ones that they may be comforted. We pray for those who have lost their homes, that they may find shelter and warmth. |
| **Thurs 9 Mar****2023** | Woodbridge DeaneryWoodbridge St John and Bredfield: The Revd Charles Trefusis; The Revd Martin Roberts; The Revd Bill Herbert; Gay Nicholls and Alan Weller (Readers) | All Food Banks operating in Suffolk | Kagera: The Revd Canon Naftali Hosea, Parish Pastor Nakatunga |
| **Fri** **10 Mar 2023**  | Clare DeaneryBansfield: The Revd Eve Bell; The Revd Max Drinkwater | Hospitals and hospices, staff, patients and visitors | Kagera: The Revd Joshua Patroba, Mukirehe Parish |
| **Sat** **11 Mar****2023** | Clare DeaneryHaverhill with Withersfield: The Revd Wendy Norris; Diana Allin and Elizabeth Foulkes (Children and Family Ministers); Tracy Sevenoaks (Licensed Evangelist), Ian Levett (Reader) | For the NHS | Biharamulo: The Revd Frederick Biyaka, parish priest of Makurugusi and Method Albert, parish priest of Rusuno Parish. |
| **Sun** **12 Mar 2023** | Clare DeaneryStourhead: The Revd Christopher Giles; Sharon Brandon (Reader) | For the work of Lightwave in rural parishes | Pray that those working for CCMP in Kagera may be empowered and equipped to reach more villages. Pray that CCMP may continue to inspire more communities to find new ways to improve their lives. |
| **Mon** **13 Mar 2023** | Clare DeanerySuffolk Heights: The Revd Clive Fairclough; Barbara Hill (Reader) | Church Primary Schools in Clare Deanery: Cavendish and Thurlow | Continue to pray for an end to the war in Ukraine. Pray for those who are refugees and those who have lost loved ones. Pray for peace. |
|  **Tues****14 Mar 2023** | Clare DeaneryThe Stour Valley: The Revd Mark Woodrow | Chaplains to the Armed Services | Kagera: The Revd Tuisenge Edson Manase, Parish Pastor Nampigwe |
| **Wed 15 Mar 2023** | Colneys DeaneryFelixstowe Christ Church: The Revd Marcus Mak; The Revd Liz Livey; The Revd Peter Livey | For Local Government | Kagera: The Revd Samson Amos, Pastor on leave |
| **Thurs 16 Mar 2023** | Colneys DeaneryFelixstowe St John the Baptist with St Edmund: The Revd Canon Andrew Dotchin; The Revd Penny Brinkley | Church School in Colneys Deanery: Nacton Primary School | Kagera: The Revd Christian S Joachim, Nkwenda parish |
| **Fri****17 Mar 2023** | Colneys DeaneryFelixstowe St Peter and St Paul with St Andrew and St Nicholas: The Revd Chris Hood; The Revd David White; The Revd Emma Haggar | Emergency Services | Kagera: The Revd Livingston Nchira, Pastor on leave |
| **Sat** **18 Mar 2023** | Colneys DeaneryKesgrave with Little Bealings and Playford: The Revd Gary Jones; Martyn Shakespeare (Reader) | Diocesan Synod meeting today | Biharamulo: The Revd Fikiria Charles, Nyantimba Parish |
| **Sun** **19 Mar 2023** | Colneys DeaneryMartlesham with Brightwell: The Revd Toby Tate; The Revd Christine Pinder; The Revd Margaret Rittman; Cathy Bourner (Lay Evangelist); Carolyn Smith and Marga Gibbs-Van Dijk (Readers) | On Mothering Sunday pray for all attending church today | On Mothering Sunday we pray for those mothers in countries where there is inadequate maternity care. We pray for those mothers who are struggling to feed their children or get them adequate medical care. |
| **Mon** **20 Mar 2023** | Colneys DeaneryThe Orwell and Deben Rural Benefice: The Revd Canon Ian Wilson | Farmers and Agricultural Workers | Kagera: The Revd Repson Katto Kagya, studying at St Paul’s University, Limuru |
| **Tues 21 Mar 2023** | Colneys DeaneryWalton and Trimley: The Revd Paul Clarke; The Revd Wendy Smith; The Revd Linda Pepper; David Smith (Lay Pastor); Rachel Clarke and Margaret White (Readers) | Chaplains to the British Legion | Ethiopia is currently in its dry season. The country is already facing chronic water and food shortages, caused by a lack of rainfall. More than 22 million people are going hungry. Pray for provision of nourishing food and water for all Ethiopians. And keep praying for rains that will restore water sources and enable crops to grow. |
| **Wed 22 Mar 2023** | Gipping Valley DeaneryBramford with Little Blakenham, Baylham and Nettlestead: The Revd Eric Falla | Mothers Union | Kagera: The Revd Shemasi Gyoya Kumuhana Mdende, Parish Pastor Murutabo |
| **Thurs 23 Mar 2023** | Gipping Valley DeaneryNeedham Market with Badley; vacant; Kate Holmes (Reader) | For volunteers who help in churches and charities | Kagera: healthcare and education for children and families to break the cycle of poverty |
| **Fri** **24 Mar 2023** | Gipping Valley DeaneryNorth Bosmere: The Revd Philip Payne; The Revd Helen Norris; Henry Stanford (Reader) | Church Primary Schools in Gipping Valley Deanery: Bramford; Creeting St Mary; Stonham Aspal; Trinity, Combs; Great Finborough; Crawford's, Haughley; and Old Newton  | Kagera: Samson Brighton Bagege, Rwabunuka Parish, |
| **Sat** **25 Mar 2023** | Gipping Valley DeanerySouth Bosmere: The Revd Daniel Harrison | Tourism and Entertainment Industr | On World Slavery Day we pray for all the estimated 40 million people globally working as slaves in quarries, mines, farms, brothels and houses. We pray for their release and for those who are trying to help them. |
|  **Sun**  **26 Mar 2023**  | Gipping Valley DeaneryBacton with Wyverstone, Cotton and Old Newton, and Wickham Skeith: The Revd Carl Melville; Helen Matter and Elaine Miller (Readers); Chris Lawson (Children and Family Minister) | Bishops Martin, Mike, Honorary Bishops, Bishop of Richborough, Bishop’s Chaplain and Bishop’s Office | Biharamulo: The Revd Erasto Jamhuri Rushongo, Bwengabo Parish |
|  **Mon** **27 Mar 2023** | Gipping Valley DeaneryClaydon Benefice: vacant; The Revd Cathy Austin; Wendy Hooper (Licensed Evangelist); Liz Stone and Ruth Dennigan (Readers) | For PTO Clergy and Readers and their work throughout the diocese | Biharamulo: Bishop Vithalis Yusuph |
| **Tues** **28 Mar 2023** | Gipping Valley DeaneryCombs and Finborough: The Revd Sarah Jenkins; The Revd Canon Pauline Higham | Street Cleaners and Refuse Collectors | As we enter the sixth week of Lent pray for the priests in Kagera who serve God in difficult circumstances. Pray that we will be able to provide funds for more to have motorbikes to reach their scattered congregations. |
| **Wed** **29 Mar 2023** | Gipping Valley DeaneryHaughley with Wetherden and Stowupland: vacant | For debt relief agencies and groups | Kagera: The Revd Anania Elias, studying at KCTC |
| **Thurs 30 Mar 2023** | Gipping Valley DeaneryMendlesham St Mary: The Revd Philip Gray | For all who work in the Diocesan Office | Kagera: The Revd Anceth Kanyawawa, and The Revd Emmanuel Jonathan, studying at UCU, Uganda |
| **Fri** **31 Mar 2023** | Gipping Valley DeaneryStowmarket St Peter and St Mary: The Revd Michael Eden; The Revd Richard Stretch; Tony Ingham (Reader); Matt Levett (Licensed Youth Minister and Diocesan Youth and Young Adults’ Officer) | All working in education in Suffolk | As Holy Week approaches pray for Christians around the world who are unable to practise their faith openly for fear of persecution.  |