

The Revd Adam Romanis, St Matthew, Perry Beeches writes that their Patronal Festival today will be the 77th anniversary of the parish. Please pray for the core members, those attending their Messy Church, and those coming for Baptisms.

Today and tomorrow, representatives of Mothers' Union from across the country will meet in Winchester Diocese for their Annual Service and Meeting. Please pray that the Lord will bless them as they share and discuss, plan and review matters concerning every branch. May they continue to walk with God every day.

Pray for those starting study at FE Colleges, as young people transition towards work and adulthood. Pray for those who train for future work directions, and for staff working with tight budgets. Pray that at college, students can also learn to connect faith with adult life, and for the college chaplains.

Please pray for the individuals who are doing the Bishop's Certificate in Children's Ministry as they meet together for one of their training sessions today. Pray for a productive day and for opportunities to encourage each other. Pray for wisdom, creativity and energy as they work with children in their different parishes.

Sunday 18 September Confirmations



The Revd Lydia Gaston, Christ Church, Yardley Wood writes:

We would ask you to pray for us today as we celebrate with a number of our congregation who have chosen to be confirmed this afternoon.

It is a special day for one of our families: a mother who is being baptised with her toddler and then will be confirmed alongside her teenage son. We ask you to praise God with us for each of the candidates and the special journey they each have travelled with God in the recent years.

We pray that God would continue to equip us as a church to share the Gospel with our friends and communities and bring more people to know God's love at work in their lives.

Together with the pupils of St Margaret's CofE Primary School, Olton we pray that God will fill the minds of all children with inspiration and their hearts with joy and love in this new school year. May everyone in a school family be guided by the Lord.

John Coleridge Patteson, First Bishop of Melanesia, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871

All our Children and Families Missioners (CFMs) are having a 'residential at home' today and tomorrow. Please pray for them to be renewed and refreshed, and for a strengthening of relationships as they learn and share together. Pray for those leading the sessions that the messages they bring would better equip the CFMS for their ministry and mission.

Anglican Communion

Sunday 18 September: The Episcopal Church The Most Revd Michael Curry Presiding Bishop of TEC

Monday 19 September: Guyana - (West Indies) The Rt Revd Charles Davidson

Tuesday 20 September: Gwagwalada - (Abuja, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Moses Tabway

Wednesday 21 September: Haiti - (II, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Jean Duracin; Suffragan Bishop of Haiti - (II, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Oge Beauvoir

Thursday 22 September: Hanuato'o - (Melanesia) The Rt Revd Alfred Karibongi

Friday 23 September: Harare - (Central Africa) The Rt Revd Dr Chad Nicholas Gandiya

Saturday 24 September: Hawaii - (IX, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Robert Fitzpatrick