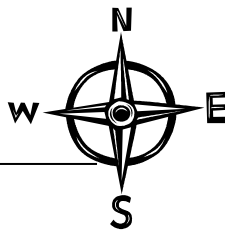


# Prayer Points



O, to be in England  
Now that April's there,  
And whoever wakes in England  
Sees, some morning, unaware,  
That the lowest boughs and the brushwood sheaf  
Round the elm tree bole are in tiny leaf.  
While the chaffinch sings on the orchard bough  
In England - now !

*Home Thoughts, from Abroad: Robert Browning*

The annual awakening in nature is echoed in our spiritual lives now. Our Lenten rededication to God's service, Holy Week, and Jesus' celebratory welcome into Jerusalem, followed by betrayal, rejection, denial, crucifixion: then Eastertide and resurrection offering us redemption and new life.

My life is like a frozen thing,  
No bud nor greenness can I see:  
Yet rise it shall - the sap of Spring,  
O Jesus, rise in me.

*From A Better Resurrection: Christina Rossetti*

We pray for new beginnings for ourselves, our church, our world.

- We hold up to God our work with young families and young people: Zest, The Junction and The Den.
- The urgent requirement for a new church roof.
- At this dark time on the world stage we pray for all whose lives are devastated by war, and for courage and wisdom for all who strive for peace.

O gracious and Holy Father  
Give us wisdom to perceive you  
Diligence to seek you  
Patience to wait for you  
Eyes to behold you  
And a life to proclaim you  
Through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*St Benedict*