

Sunday Worship

8.00am.	Holy Communion	1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
10.30am.	All Age Worship	1st Sunday
	Mattins	2nd Sunday
	Parish Communion	3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays
6.30pm	Holy Communion	2nd Sunday
6.30pm	Evensong Arley Chapel	3rd Sunday

Week-day and other activities

Holy Communion on 1st Wednesday in month at 10.30am

Celtic Evening prayer 1st Thursday in month 7.00pm in the Lady chapel

Play & Praise 1.30pm 2nd and 4th Thursdays (apart from School holidays)

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St Mary & All Saints Great Budworth

Serving Arley, Aston-by-Budworth, Comberbach, Crowley, Great Budworth,
Lower Wincham, Marbury, Marston, and Pickmere.

Diary for June

Tues 2nd	7.00pm Evening with the Archbishop of York in Chester Cathedral all welcome
Wed 3 rd	10.30am Holy Communion Common Worship followed by coffee 12.00 – 2.30pm Rural Ministry Meeting, St Peter's Church, Delamere
Thurs 4 th	7.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer followed by discussion group – all welcome
Sat 6 th	9.30 – 3.30 All Age Eco Event at Fox Hill
Sunday 7 th	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 10.30am All Age Worship
Wed 10 th	10.30am Craft & Natter, The Old School, all welcome
Thurs 11 th	1.30pm Play and Praise in church TBC
Sunday 14 th	10.30am Mattins
Mon 15th	7.30pm Opening Service, Royal Cheshire County Show – all welcome
Tues 16th / Wed 17th	Royal Cheshire County Show
Thurs 18th	7.30pm Archdeacon's Visitation Service, All Saints' Church, Daresbury
Sat 20th	Summer Solstice 3.00pm – later " Summer in the Churchyard ", with music, stalls, zip wire, Tower trips, bar and refreshments (burger/sausage and roll)
Sunday 21 st	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 10.30am Holy Communion Common Worship 6.30pm Evening Prayer at Arley Chapel
Tues 23rd	7.00pm Safeguarding Service, Chester Cathedral
Thurs 25 th	1.30pm Play and Praise in church TBC
Sunday 28 th	10.30am Confirmation Service with the Bishop of Birkenhead. 2.30pm Forest Church – venue Great Budworth
Mon 29th	7.00pm PCC Meeting

Sidespersons Rota – June 2026

1st Sunday	7th June Trinity 1 – Proper 5	
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Robert & Marian Steele
10.30am	Holy Communion Common Worship	Anne O'May Rebecca Brierley
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2nd Sunday	14th June Trinity 2 – Proper 6	
10.30am	Matins	Margaret Cross
6.30pm	Holy Communion Common Worship	Shirley Humphreys
3rd Sunday	21st June Trinity 3 – Proper 7 – Father's Day	
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Pat Hart
10.30am	Holy Communion Common Worship	Robert Cross Anne O'May
6.30pm	Evening Prayer at Arley BCP	xxxxxxxxxx
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4th Sunday	28th June Trinity 4 – Proper 8	
10.30am	Holy Communion Common Worship	Maggie Earl Robert Cross
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1st Sunday	5th July Trinity 5 – Proper 9	
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Robert & Marian Steel
10.30am	All Age Worship	Anne O'May Rebecca Brierley

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Rota for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers & Intercessors

June 2026

Year A

<p>1st Sun</p>	<p><u>7th June 1st Sunday after Trinity (Green)</u> <u>8am HC BCP</u> Hosea 5. 15-6.6 SL242 LL273 Romans 4. 13-end SL243 LL274 Matthew 9. 9-13,18-26 SL244 LL276 <u>10.30am All Age Service</u></p>	<p><u>No evening service</u></p>
<p>2nd Sun</p>	<p><u>14th June 2nd Sunday after Trinity (Green)</u> <u>10.30 am Matins BCP</u> Exodus 19. 2-8a SL248 LL280 K. Arlitt Psalm 100 Romans 5. 1-8 SL249 LL281 S. Gray</p>	<p><u>6.30pm HC CW</u> Exodus 19.2-8a Romans 5. 1-8 Matt 9. 35-10.8 SL250 LL282</p>
<p>3rd Sun</p>	<p><u>21st June 3rd Sunday after Trinity (Green)</u> <u>8am HC BCP 10.30am HC CW</u> Jeremiah 20. 7-13 SL254 LL287 S. Evans Romans 6. 1b-11 SL256 LL289 J. Martin Matthew 10. 24-39 SL 257 LL 289 INT M. Cross EM S. Evans</p>	<p><u>6.30pm Arley Chapel</u> <u>EP BCP</u> Psalms 46 1 Samuel 24. 1-17 Luke 14.12-24</p>
<p>4th Sun</p>	<p><u>28th June 4th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</u> <u>10.30 HC CW, Confirmation Service.</u> Jeremiah 28. 5-9 SL260 LL293 L. Entwistle Romans 6. 12-end SL261 LL294 S. Gray Matt. 10. 40-end SL262 LL295 INT Officiant EM S. Gray</p>	<p><u>Forest Church 2.30pm</u> <u>No evening service</u></p>

Dear Friends

“Blessed are those who strength is in you,

Whose hearts are set on pilgrimage”

Psalm 84:5

As we enter the month of June, with its longer days and the fullness of summer beginning to unfold around us, we will be thinking about “Pilgrimage” The Archbishop of York, as part of Faith in the North, has encouraged churches to sign up to be “Pilgrim Places” St Mary`s has become one of those places. We are open every day and we can offer a welcoming, peaceful and safe place where people can relax and reflect. We pray that when people visit us, they find peace, hope, comfort and understanding. If you feel we can improve our welcome, or there is anything we can do to make the building more welcoming, we would love to hear from you.

Pilgrimage is woven deeply into the Christian story. Abraham journeyed in faith towards an unknown land. The Israelites travelled through the wilderness learning dependence upon God. The disciples walked alongside Jesus on dusty roads, often uncertain of the destination, yet transformed by the journey itself. Our faith has never been static. We are always being called onward.

To be a pilgrim people is not only about travelling to holy places, although many may do so this year. More profoundly, it is about recognising that the Christian life itself is a pilgrimage: a continual turning towards God, a daily renewing of hope, and a shared commitment to walk together in faith, love, and service.

We have just celebrated the great feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples and sent them out into the world with courage and joy. The frightened followers of Jesus became pilgrims of hope, carrying the Good News across boundaries, cultures, and nations. Pentecost reminds us that the Church was born not to remain still, but to move outward in mission and compassion.

We should always be attentive to Christ on the journey but also ask ourselves in what ways can our church become a place of welcome and companionship for others who are searching, questioning, or weary?

Pilgrims rarely travel alone. They encourage one another, share burdens, and offer

hospitality along the way. In a world often marked by division and uncertainty, the Church has a precious calling to model a different way — one of kindness, patience, reconciliation, and hope.

Over the coming weeks, there will be opportunities within our parish to explore this theme together through prayer, worship, fellowship, and acts of service. Whether through a simple walk, quiet reflection, supporting a neighbour, or gathering at the Lord's table, every faithful step becomes part of the pilgrimage.

May we never lose sight of the truth that Christ journeys with us still. On roads both familiar and unexpected, He walks beside His people, guiding, strengthening, and renewing us.

As part of my training, I worked at Scargill which is a retreat centre in the Yorkshire Dales. Whenever a group leave after staying there, these words are always said to them

“May the peace of Christ go with you,

Wherever He may send you

May He guide you through the wilderness and protect you through the storms

May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you

May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors”

With love, prayers and every blessing,

Christina

From the Registers

Weddings – congratulations to Eve Turner and Ben Smyth whose marriage was blessed at Arley Chapel on 3rd May, and to Heather Southern and Gareth Pike whose Thanksgiving for Marriage Service was held at Arley Chapel on 20th May.

Funerals – rest in peace Pauline West whose funeral took place at Vale Royal Crematorium on 30th April, and Jackie Daniels whose funeral and burial took place on 14th May at Comberbach Chapel and Great Budworth Churchyard respectively.

Your feedback and snippets you send are important, if there are any comments on the parish magazine or if you would like anything particular in the issue then please let me know.

The views of our contributors are, of course, entirely their own, and do not necessarily represent those of the P.C.C., the Editor, members of the congregation or parishioners in general.

Articles for July 2026 edition send to Rob Cross:

*robross43@gmail.com by **19th June** please*

We are available by phone or email if you want to talk to us. We can offer a chat or prayer or both. If you have Facebook, have a look at the church page,

@greatbudworthchurch where Christina posts prayers and reflections

We keep you all in our prayers. Stay well.

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If you don't wish this to happen, please let the person you speak to know at the time of first contact.

The Private Member's Bill would have allowed someone with a terminal diagnosis and six months or less to live to be provided with drugs to end their life if they had capacity and met the eligibility criteria.

It has been going through Parliament for the past year and a half, but ran out of time before the current session of Parliament came to an end.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally, speaking briefly in the debate, emphasised the shared wish of both opponents and proponents of the Bill that those who are terminally ill should be treated with compassion and be able to die in a pain-free and dignified way. She paid tribute to the 'enormous' amount of work that had gone into the Committee Stage of the Bill.

Remembering G K Chesterton by *Tim Lenton*

Ninety years ago, on 14th June 1936, G K Chesterton died at his home in Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire. Novelist, short story writer, journalist, essayist, poet, social/literary critic and theologian, he is remembered for his stories about the priest-detective Father Brown.

Gilbert Keith Chesterton was born in Kensington, London, to an estate agent father and a Swiss-French mother. He was educated at St Paul's School before studying art at the Slade School and literature at University College, London. He did not get a degree, and his earliest ambition was to be an artist.

A conspicuous figure in both height and girth, he eventually took to writing, producing in all about 80 books, several hundred poems, 200 short stories, 4000 essays (mostly newspaper columns), and several plays. His literary preoccupations were initially journalism and social commentary, then literary criticism and lastly religion.

He was an apologist who spoke out for orthodox Christianity, initially from an Anglican standpoint, but after 1922 as a Roman Catholic. Using paradox, a sense of wonder and imaginative wit, he described the Christian faith as the one logical answer to life's mysteries. His seminal book, *Orthodoxy*, written when he was an Anglican, was a key factor in the conversion of C S Lewis.

Chesterton married Frances Blogg in 1901, but the couple were unable to have children. A writer herself, Frances encouraged her husband and acted as his personal assistant. He survived a life-threatening illness in 1914 affecting his heart and kidneys and was unconscious for a long period before recovering, though he never regained full vitality.

His most widely known invented character was Father Brown, kindly protagonist of a series of detective novels later televised and recently rerun. Father Brown is an unprepossessing figure with a sharp mind who understands the intricacies of evil through hearing many confessions.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This was held in The Old School on 18th May – thanks to everyone who attended and for all those who prepared reports etc. Pauline Ridgway was elected as Churchwarden for a further year, and Anne O'May and Maggie Earl were elected as Deputy Churchwardens for a further year. There is still a vacancy for one Churchwarden – could it be you?

Margaret Cross and Maggie Earl were re-elected as members of Deanery Synod, and Sally Gray offered to stand for the 3rd place on Deanery Synod and was duly elected. A new member of the PCC was also elected on the night – Richard Smith.

Lynne Potts and Kevin Davies presented the accounts for 2025 (previously adopted by the PCC at its last meeting on 23rd March, and subject to a few amendments at the request of the independent examiner) which showed an end of year deficit of just over £8,000 – though with the Gift Aid to be reclaimed for the year this figure will, it is expected, turn to a slight surplus for the year. It is clear however that more needs to be done to raise the ordinary income of the PCC on an annual basis, and this will be the subject of discussion within both PCC and Restoration Committee – so watch this space! If anyone would like to raise the level of their monthly/annual giving, or would like to start a new standing order/direct debit, please get in touch with either Kevin or Lynne to discuss details. Thank you to everyone who continues to support the work of the Church through regular or one-off giving – your contributions are greatly valued.

It was a very positive and encouraging meeting, and my personal thanks go to everyone who supports and helps with the work and witness of the Church in so many different ways, and I concluded my report by saying that it continues to be a very real pleasure and privilege to serve as Vicar of our beautiful country parish – thank you one and all.

The Revd Alec Brown

Vicar of Great Budworth and Antrobus (hopefully for another year.....!)

Great Budworth C of E Aided School News

School News

Since returning after the Easter break, we've had a really busy and happy term in school with lots going on across all classes.

Our weekly Forest School sessions with Mrs Curran continue to be a highlight. The children love being outdoors and have been enjoying time exploring nature and celebrating God's wonderful creation, including making natural insects from things they find around them.

We also welcomed Andy from Cheshire Constabulary, who spoke to the children about internet safety. The children listened really well and had lots of thoughtful ideas about how to stay safe and make good choices online.

We are very proud of the children who took part in the Golden Mile at Leftwich. They showed great effort, teamwork and enthusiasm, and represented our school brilliantly.

Class 3 also had a fantastic trip to Chester Museum, where they stepped back in time and brought history to life by marching through the streets and chanting Roman phrases. They are also really enjoying learning to play the cornet and developing their musical skills.

Our Christian value this term is friendship. In our daily collective worship, we explore this through Bible stories as well as real-life examples the children can relate to. We've been thinking about what it really means to be a good friend, showing kindness, forgiveness, care, and support for one another.

We close for half term on Friday 22nd May.

With love from all at Great Budworth School,
Lois Grogan
School Administrator



On a general week I will help with Sunday ministry, with cell groups, school ministry. All the bits of the life of the church – I get involved as much as I want to. I will cover funerals, and baptisms and weddings, all across the town.”
The Revd Canon Lyndon Bannon, who works in the senior leadership of an Academy in the Wirral, and is an associate priest at Christ Church, Willaston, said: “I believe that I am called to work in school – I also believe that I am called to be a priest in church. Having that dual role helps me to understand the society in which we live in a broader and deeper way.”

Watch the full series here: [Self-Supporting Ministry Stories | YouTube](#)

We at Great Budworth and Antrobus are beneficiary's of course with the huge contributions of Rev Christina Westwell

Assisted dying: Proper scrutiny was ‘moral necessity’, says bishop as bill falls

Adequate scrutiny of the assisted dying Bill before Parliament was a “moral necessity” and not just a “procedural detail”, **the Bishop of Newcastle** said recently, as the proposed legislation ran out of time in the House of Lords.

Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley, said the more closely the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill had been examined, the more concerns came into focus, not fewer, as she spoke in the final day of the Bill in the House of Lords.

“In our context, where questions of life, death, care and conscience are so closely intertwined, the quality of our scrutiny is not a procedural detail—it is a moral necessity,” Bishop Helen-Ann, who was a member of a Select Committee that examined the Bill – told Peers.

“Some may dismiss my contribution as one which is grounded in a faith, but this is as legitimate and significant as any other viewpoint – grounded in faith, belief or none.

“Whilst my faith informs my alarm at our designation of dignity or the lack of it, it is from my experience on the Select Committee, that I have found that the more closely we have examined this Bill, the more concerns have come into focus, not fewer.

“For a Bill of this magnitude in terms of societal change, the highest level of scrutiny is imperative.”

Continued over

New series of films marks contribution of self-supporting ministers

The Church of England's 'gifted, talented and brilliant' self-supporting ministers are celebrated in a series of films recently published, ahead of Vocations Sunday. A hairdresser, a data consultant, a solicitor and a teacher, all of whom are priests, speak about their dual vocations in the secular workplace and in churches.

The Bishop of Birkenhead, Julie Conalty, the lead bishop for the Church of England's more than 2,000 self-supporting ministers, also features in the films. She speaks about the distinctive nature of the role and the gifts these ministers bring to workplaces and church congregations.

A former probation officer, she was a self-supporting minister over more than a decade, in the probation service and subsequently for the Youth Justice Board, a national charity and a local authority.

"I see how many gifted, talented and brilliant self-supporting ordained ministers that we have around the church, some of them are associates helping out around parishes, some are running parishes as the vicar or as the incumbent, some work in chaplaincy - they do all sorts of things," she said.

She added: "I can think of self-supporting ordained ministers who are vets, or teaching assistants or doctors, and their professional and work experience brings something distinctive to their ministry."

The Revd Anthea Mitchell, a hairdresser who is a part-time priest in charge at St Andrew's Church in Barming Heath, Maidstone, Kent, said: "I run services, I do baptisms and I take funerals and weddings, and I run a community café – all the things you would expect a vicar to do.

"I suppose the longest part of my ministry, in terms of the time I spend, is at work, in the business. I go to work to cut people's hair and I do wear my collar.

"I can honestly say that I have more deeply spiritual conversations when people are sitting in my chair, than I ever do in church."

The Revd Henry Akingbemisilu, a data consultant and a self-supporting minister at St Paul's Church, Thamesmead in southeast London, who also works as a Forces chaplain, said his professional training as a data consultant has taught him how to analyse and explain complex situations simply. "It helps me to discern people and identify where there is a problem," he said.

He added: "The church is looking for people who live their faith in the ordinary life".

The Revd Rebecca Lloyd, a solicitor in Warrington and a hospital chaplain, also helps her local church, St James, Great Sankey, with ministry and conducts baptisms, weddings and funerals. She said: "As a self-supporting minister, it's great, I get to be a blessing to the local church.



20th June Summer Solstice – longest day of the year

June, of course is the month of the summer solstice, the month of the Sun. *Sol + stice* come from two Latin words meaning 'sun' and 'to stand still'. As the days lengthen, the sun rises higher and higher until it seems to stand still in the sky. The Summer Solstice results in the longest day and the shortest night of the year. The Northern Hemisphere celebrates in June, and the Southern Hemisphere celebrates in December.

A Canticle for Brother Sun

Praised be You, My Lord, in all Your creatures,
Especially Sir Brother Sun,
Who makes the day and enlightens us through You.
He is lovely and radiant and grand;
And he heralds You, his Most High Lord.

by St Francis of Assisi

God in All

He inspires all,
 He gives life to all,
He dominates all,
 He supports all.
He lights the light of the sun.
 He furnishes the light of the night.
He has made springs in dry land.
 He is the God of heaven and earth,
 of sea and rivers,
 of sun, moon and stars,
 of the lofty mountain and the lowly valley,
the God above heaven,
 and in heaven,
 and under heaven.

A prayer of St Patrick

history of life is any way inconsistent with a belief in a supreme being," he told presenter Kirsty Young. "And I am not so confident as to say that I am an atheist." As Sir David's centenary is marked with tributes, broadcasts and celebrations across the UK and beyond, people of all ages are recognising a lifetime devoted to exploring and explaining the natural world

Our British bumblebees

Did you know we have about 270 kinds of bee in the UK, including 24 types of bumblebees? Here are just six of them:

Early Bumblebee: - Found throughout the UK. Rather small, with distinctive lemon-yellow bands on thorax and abdomen, and an orange tail. An important pollinator of our soft fruit.

Common Carder Bee: - One of our most common bees, and often still feeding in November. Fluffy, brown and orange, with sometimes darker bands on the abdomen.

Tree Bumblebee: - Found in England and Wales, and recently Southern Scotland. A fuzzy bee, with brown-orange hairs on its thorax, a black abdomen, and a white tail.

Red-tailed Bumblebee: - The female is very large, with a big red 'tail', while males are smaller.

Garden Bumblebee: - A scruffy-looking large bee, with a long tongue and face. It has yellow bands at the collar, rear of the thorax and at the first segment of the abdomen, and the tip of the tail is white.

Buff-tailed bumblebee: - The biggest of our bumblebees, with a yellow collar near the head and another on the abdomen. The queen has a buff-coloured 'tail', while the workers have white 'tails' and black hair on their faces.

Be kind to our bees. They are in steady decline across the UK.

Creation Care

**Take part in Churches Count on Nature!
6-14 June**

Churches Count on Nature (CCoN) is an annual event where people explore their churchyards and record the plant and animal species they encounter.

CCoN is a joint initiative promoted by Caring for God's Acre, the Church of England, the Church in Wales, and A Rocha UK, and churches of any denomination are invited to take part.

David Attenboroughs 100th Birthday

Sir David Attenborough is one of the most recognisable voices in broadcasting. first coming to public prominence through the series *Zoo Quest* in 1954 his career has spanned more than eight decades creating and presenting landmark wildlife documentaries including *Life on Earth*, *The Living Planet*, *The Blue Planet*, *the Green Planet* and *Planet Earth*.

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, posted: "Happy 100th birthday, Sir David Attenborough. Thank you for helping us to see the wonder of creation, and the responsibility we share to protect it. Many blessings and prayers on this special day."

The Bishop of Norwich, Graham Usher, the Church's lead bishop for the environment, said: "Today, I join people across the world in wishing Sir David Attenborough a very happy 100th birthday.

As a broadcaster, he has done more than anyone to communicate the joy, wonder and fragility of the natural world. His message about protection, conservation and restoration needs to be heard - and acted on - for the good of us all and the care of God's creation. But today, I give thanks for this rare 'Attenboroughus' species, which for decades has inhabited our TV screens and made such welcome evening appearances!"

Attenborough has spoken on questions of belief and faith. In 2012, on BBC Radio 4's *Desert Island Discs*, he reflected on his own position. While describing himself as agnostic, he spoke about the relationship between scientific understanding and belief.

"I don't think an understanding and an acceptance of the 4 billion-year-long

**St Mary & All Saints Church
Invites you to our summer
event**

'Summer Time'

Saturday 20th June

in the churchyard

Tickets £10

3.00pm – 7.00pm

**Music, food and bar
stalls, raffle,
teddy zip line from church tower**

Trips up the tower (extra £5)

Tickets – Margaret 07732324001

Pauline 01565 733494

Archbishop of York Visit—Everyday Pilgrimage 2nd June 7pm

There is to be an evening of celebration with the Archbishop of York on 2nd June 2026 at Chester Cathedral. Archbishop Stephen, Bishop Mark and Christians of all ages will join together to celebrate the saints who have shaped us and the transformation that pilgrimage can bring.

We are hoping to take several cars so if you would like a lift please let us know

4h June 7pm Celtic Evening Prayer on the theme of Pilgrimage

After the short service we have cheese and biscuits which then leads into our monthly discussion group. We started this during Lent and we are so encouraged by the people who were interested in looking at faith. It is informal, friendly, you can contribute to the discussion lots or sit and listen and you would be very welcome.

6th June All Age Eco Event at Fox Hill 9.30 – 3.30

“Join us for a fun filled All-Age Eco Day packed with adventure, fresh air, and something for everyone!

Come and explore the great outdoors with:

- **Woodland Walks** – Discover hidden trails, breathe in the forest air, and enjoy the beauty of nature.
- **Wildlife Activities** – Get hands on with nature based experiences and learn about the creatures that call our woodlands home.
- **Youth Led Activities** – Such as exciting challenges, team games, and creative sessions designed and led by young people.

Bring your enthusiasm, your sense of adventure, and a picnic!

A group will be going from church so it would be lovely if you could join us

5th July 1st Mini Pilgrimage to St Helens Witton

We are wanting to start a walking group who would like to explore local places of worship

We will be walking to St Helens after lunch as they have their Tea and Towers Event

Join us on the walk or meet us at St Helens

A joy and privilege to be received by the Pope, says Archbishop of Canterbury

The Archbishop of Canterbury has praised the Pope for speaking out against injustice and about hope; has commended working together for the common good; and has endorsed the strengthening power of common witness, in an address after a recent private meeting at the Apostolic Palace in the Vatican.

She prayed with Pope Leo and said: “It is a joy and a privilege to be received by you, together with this delegation from Lambeth Palace.”

She said: “Your Holiness, you have spoken powerfully about the many injustices in our world today, but you have spoken even more powerfully about hope. The world needed this message at this time — thank you. It reminded us that, despite our sufferings, people long for life in all its fullness, and countless people are working each day for this vision of the common good.”

She continued: “May we continue to work together in that hope, trusting that the one who has begun this good work among us will bring it to completion. Please be assured of a warm welcome for the Church of England should you honour the United Kingdom with a visit.”