Cumbria Prayer Diary



September 2020

*Praying with our fellow Christians in Cumbria, together with our link dioceses of*

*Northern Argentina, Stavanger and Zululand*

It is to be hoped that during September it will be possible to produce a prayer diary booklet once again. In the meantime, thank you for your patience and being willing to print off copies.

We will continue to pray for those who are in the front line of dealing with the current pandemic and the use of the following prayer is encouraged:

**Loving God, as your Son healed the sick**

**And brought good news to the needy**

**Be with us this day.**

**Loving Jesus as you taught us to**

**‘Do unto others as you would have them do to you’**

**Be with all the medical staff this day.**

**Loving spirit, your gift is healing,**

**Bring your healing fire to our homes, our hospitals and our county,**

**But most of all, be with us this day. Amen**

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Week Thirty-five Theme – Carlisle Deanery

Sunday 30th August – Trinity 12

*Mission Community -* Pray for the Heart of The City MC, The Two Rivers MC, Carlisle South MC, Carlisle Rural MC and Houghton and Kingmoor with St John’s MC. Pray for the people who lead and guide these mission communities.

*Coronavirus –* Hospice at Home throughout the county, Marie Curie and McMillian nurses working in the community

*God for All –* for the planning for the new pioneer hub, for all those already appointed and for those to be employed later in the year.

*World Church -* Pray for the united Church of South India

The Most Revd Dharmaraj Rasalam - Moderator of CSI & Bishop of South Kerala.

*Diocese –* for the completion of implementation of the Mission Communities, giving thanks for all that has been achieved and praying for the future development of ‘doing mission together’ locally.

*Bishops –* give thanks for the leadership of Bishop James and Bishop Emma, asking God’s blessing upon them in the days ahead.

Monday 31st August

St Aidan - Aidan is often referred to as the ‘Apostle of the English’. He founded the community at Lindisfarne, and his gentle witness to the faith inspired the conversion of most English-speaking peoples. A passionate opponent of slavery he freed many children and education was at the heart of his communities.

*Mission Community -* Pray for Nigel Beer, Rural Dean, Rob Cook, Lay Chair and the Deanery Standing Committee. Pray for Caroline Kennedy Chaplain at the University of Cumbria and for Barrie Thomas lead Chaplain at the Cumberland Infirmary

*World Church -* Kimberley & Kuruman *(Southern Africa)* The Rt Revd Oswald Swartz

Kindu *(Congo)* The Most Revd Zacharie Masimango Katanda *(Primate)*

Kinkiizi *(Uganda)* The Rt Revd Dan Zoreka

Tuesday 1st September

*Mission Community -* Pray for Kristian Tjemsland and Sophie Smith who lead Carlisle Network Youth Church. Pray for the churches which run Messy Churches, other family friendly expressions of church and Carer and Toddler Groups.

*World Church -* Ondo *(Nigeria)* The Rt Revd Stephen Oni

Calabar *(Nigeria)* The Rt Revd Tunde Adeleye

Kinshasa *(Congo)* The Rt Revd Achille Mutshindu

Wednesday 2nd September

*Mission Community -* Pray for practical expressions of love in the community especially for those who run and support the Carlisle Food Bank, the Op Shops in the city and the Cornerstone run by St James’ Church.

*World Church -* Ontario *(Canada)* The Rt Revd Michael Oulton

Calcutta *(North India)* The Rt Revd Probal Kanto Dutta

**Thursday 3rd September**

**Gregory the Great**

‘Not Angles but Angels”, is a pun that works in both Latin and English. It is Pope Gregory’s alleged words in Rome that prompted the mission of St Augustine of Canterbury in 597. St Gregory a wise and kindly Bishop of Rome is remembered fondly on this day.

*Mission Community -* Pray for all people to be mission minded and willing to share their faith in Jesus. Pray for the groups and people who meet on the fringes of church life or who are exploring new ways of being church in Carlisle and the surrounding area.

*World Church -* Ogbomoso *(Nigeria)* The Rt Revd Titus Babtunde Olayinka

Caledonia *(Canada)* The Rt Revd David TJ Lehmann

Calgary *(Canada)* The Most Revd Gregory Kerr-Wilson

Friday 4th September

St Birinus

The seventh century Birinus was one of the first English Bishops. His community was based on the banks of the river Thames and he laid the foundation for St Chad in converting Mercia and Wessex to faith. He is the first known follower of St Benedict’s rule in England.

*Mission Community* – Pray for members of PCCs and the Deanery Synod – for wisdom, courage and guidance. Pray for fear overcoming fear, discernment to reveal the key issues and courage to step forward in faith.

*World Church -* Oregon *(The Episcopal Church)* The Rt Revd Michael Hanley

California *(The Episcopal Church)* The Rt Revd Marc Andrus

Saturday 5th September

*Mission Community -* Pray for wisdom for all in church leadership as we face big decisions about the future of ministry and mission in the deanery.

*World Church -* Orlu *(Nigeria)* The Most Revd Bennett Okoro

Cameroon *(West Africa)* The Rt Revd Dibo Thomas-Babyngton Elango

Kirinyaga *(Kenya)* The Rt Revd Joseph Kibichwa

Week Thirty-six Theme – Harvest

Sunday 6th September – Trinity 13

*Harvest –* for the Bishop’s Harvest Appeal and all who will be helped during the next three years in the DRC and Palestine. We give thanks for the last three years and the support of farmers and their communities in Malawi and Zululand. We pray for today’s launch.

*Coronavirus –* for the county Resilience Group and local groupings, giving thanks for local support groups and for the care of the most vulnerable in the community.

*God for All –* for the new planned theological education for the churches in the North West and for new vocations to all forms of ministry.

*World Church -* Pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa

The Most Revd Thabo Makgoba - Archbishop of Capetown and Primate of Southern Africa

*Diocese –* for the completion of implementation of the Mission Communities, giving thanks for all that has been achieved and praying for the future development of ‘doing mission together’ locally.

*Bishops –* give thanks for the leadership of Bishop James and Bishop Emma, asking God’s blessing upon them in the days ahead.

Monday 7th September

*Harvest –* for partnership with the Mothers’ Union in the DRC for the projects to be supported as part of this appeal.

*World Church -* Oru *(Nigeria)* The Rt Revd Geoffrey Chukwunenye

Canberra & Goulburn *(Australia)* The Rt Revd Mark Short

Tuesday 8th September

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – there are many days in the Church’s Year to celebrate Mary, the mother of Jesus. Over the centuries today has been a special celebration in the English Church. Many churches in England are dedicated to the Nativity of Mary. Today we give thanks for her earthly life, her faith and love.

*Harvest –* for partnership with Christian Aid in Palestine for the projects to be supported as part of this appeal.

*World Church -* Osaka *(Japan)* The Rt Revd Andrew Haruhisa Iso

Canterbury *(England)* The Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby *(Primate)*

Wednesday 9th September

*Harvest –* for Harvest Festivals to be celebrated in our churches and parishes over this month, especially remembering Cumbrian farmers, those who work on the land and the challenges they face due to the current pandemic.

*World Church -* Osun *(Nigeria)* The Rt Revd James Afolabi Popoola

Cape Coast *(West Africa)* The Rt Revd Victor Atta-Baffoe

**Thursday 10th September**

*Harvest –* for our local schools and their harvest celebrations, giving thanks for our children’s concern for the environment and care of creation.

*World Church –* **Today the worldwide Anglican Communion remembers the Diocese of Carlisle.**

Osun North (*Nigeria)* The Rt Revd Abiodun T Olaoye

*Cape Town (Southern Africa)* The Most Revd Thabo Makgoba *(Primate)*

Carlisle *(England)* The Rt Revd James Scobie Newcome

Friday 11th September

*Harvest –* for the local support of the Bishop’s Harvest appeal for all the events and services planned.

*World Church -* Osun North East *(Nigeria)* The Rt Revd Ebenezer Akorede Okuyelu

Cashel & Ossory *(Ireland)* The Rt Revd Michael Andrew James Burrows

Saturday 12th September

*Harvest –* for the Partnership in World Mission Group, for Bishop Peter in his chairing, for the members and for the appointment of a new WDO.

*World Church -* Ottawa *(Canada) Vacant*

Central Buganda *(Uganda)* The Rt Revd Michael Lubowa

Week Thirty-seven Theme – Kendal Deanery

Sunday 13th September – Trinity 14

*Deanery –* give thanks for the five new Mission Communities: Beacon; Helm; Kent Estuary; Kirkby Lonsdale and; Two Valleys.

*Coronavirus –* pray for local testing centres and for ‘track and trace’ system, for those home testing and for all staff facing aggression in the work as a result of the pandemic.

*God for All –* for the God for All team and the support they provide to the new Mission Communities

*World Church* - Pray for the Anglican Church of South America

The Most Revd Gregory James Venables - Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of South America & Bishop of Argentina

*Diocese –* for the Bishop’s Council and Diocesan Synod, for the diocesan task force and for decisions to be made about the future, asking for the gift of discernment and God’s guidance.

*Bishops –* give thanks for the leadership of Bishop James and Bishop Emma, asking God’s blessing upon them in the days ahead.

Monday 14th September

Holy Cross Day – in the Church’s Year there are several days when we are encouraged to remember Christ crucified. Holy Cross is a day when we remember the victory of the cross, and celebrate our salvation in Jesus Christ.

*Deanery –* pray for those appointed as Mission Community leaders

*World Church -* Otukpo *(Nigeria)* The Rt Revd David Bello. Central Busoga *(Uganda)* The Rt Revd Patrick Wakula

Kisangani *(Congo)* The Rt Revd Lambert Funga Botolome

Tuesday 15th September

St Cyprian – third century Bishop of Carthage, who was known for the way he opposed various heresies. During his episcope, many died during to plague but such was his compassion and care that it came to be known as ‘Cyprian’s plague’. During the persecution of Emperor Valerian he was executed and his burial site became an important shrine in the fourth century.

*Deanery –* pray for those who are responsible for NYC and families work in the new Mission Communities.

*World Church -* Owerri *(Nigeria)* The Rt Revd Chukwuma Oparah. Central Ecuador *(The Episcopal Church)* The Rt Revd Victor Scantlebury

Kita Kanto *(Japan)* The Rt Revd Zerubbabel Katsuichi Hirota

Wednesday 16th September

St Ninian – Ninian was born at the end of the fourth century and trained in Rome. He returned home to Galloway and founded his community at Whithorn. His pattern of community was copied by Patrick and Columba. Ninian introduced the practice of prayer from the desert teachers and the priority of John’s Gospel. He is the founding saint of Christianity in Britain and Ireland.

*Deanery –* for new ways of engaging with the communities, for fresh expressions of Church in the deanery

*World Church -* Owo *(Nigeria)* The Rt Revd Stephen Ayodeji Fagbemi

Central Florida *(The Episcopal Church)* The Rt Revd Gregory Brewer

**Thursday 17th September**

**Hildegard** – a Benedictine nun from the twelfth century, Hildegard’s poems and songs made her very influential in the church. Her spirituality was rooted in ‘the living light’ of Jesus in every human life. Her visions of the light of Christ have inspired Christians throughout the centuries.

*Deanery –* for prayer groups within the Deanery, for Christian Meditation and Centering Prayer.

*World Church -* Oxford *(England)* The Rt Revd Steven Croft

Central Gulf Coast *(The Episcopal Church)* The Rt Revd Russell Kendrick

Central Melanesia *(Melanesia)* The Most Revd Leonard Dawea *(Primate)*

Friday 18th September

*Deanery –* for the parishes of the deanery and for the challenges in reopening for worship and prayer during the current pandemic

*World Church -* Oyo *(Nigeria)* The Rt Revd Williams Oluwarotimi Aladekugbe

Central New York *(The Episcopal Church)* The Rt Revd DeDe Duncan-Probe

Saturday 19th September

*Deanery –* for all those engaged in any form of ministry and all exploring their vocation

*World Church –* Pacong *(South Sudan)* The Rt Revd Joseph Maker Atot

Central Newfoundland *(Canada)* The Rt Revd John Watton

Kitale *(Kenya)* The Rt Revd Stephen Kewasis

Week Thirty-eight Theme – Brampton Mission Community

Sunday 20th September – Trinity 15

*Mission Community –* for the new Mission Community to be form in Brampton and the surrounding area, giving thanks for the coming together of the local churches in mission.

*Coronavirus –* for the Brampton Community hospital and all who are working to combat the pandemic locally.

*God for All –* for the Vision Refresh consultation and the progress being made towards the renewed county strategy for the next five years.

*World Church* - Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

The Most Revd Justin Badi Arama – Bishop of Juba and Archbishop of the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

*Diocese –* for the developing strategy to plan for the future in response to the current pandemic.

*Bishops –* give thanks for the leadership of Bishop James and Bishop Emma, asking God’s blessing upon them in the days ahead.

Monday 21st September

St Matthew – Levi was one of the disciples called by Jesus and as a tax collector the story of his conversion shows the love of God for even those hated by society. His gospel was supported by the church at Antioch at the Council of Laodicea and listed as one of the four canonical gospels. As a result Matthew is one of the Four Evangelists usually represented in icons by the ox.

*Mission Community –* pray for our churches: Saint Martin, Brampton; Saint Kentigern, Irthington;

Saint John the Evangelist, Crosby on Eden: All Saints, Scaleby: Brampton Methodist Church; Gilsland Methodist Church; Lanercost Priory; Saint Mary, Walton;

Saint Cuthbert, Nether Denton; Saint Mary Magdalene, Gilsland; Saint Mary Magdalene, Hayton; Talkin Church;

Saint Thomas a Becket, Farlam; Saint Peter, Castle Carrock; Saint Mary, Cumwhitton; and, Saint Mary, Cumrew.

*World Church -* Kiteto *(Tanzania)* The Rt Revd Isaiah Chambala

Kitgum *(Uganda)* The Rt Revd Wilson Kitara

Kitui *(Kenya)* The Rt Revd Josephat Mule

Tuesday 22nd September

*Mission Community –* pray for our ministers: Revd Angela Hughes; Revd Rachel Williams; Revd Edward Johnson; Revd Stephen Robertson; Ruth Hutchinson and Sheila Goodliffe.

*World Church -* Panama *(Central America)* The Rt Revd Julio Murray Thompson *(Primate)*

Central Pennsylvania *(The Episcopal Church)* The Rt Revd Audrey Scanlan

Kivu *(Rwanda)* The Rt Revd Augustin Ahimana

Wednesday 23rd September

*Mission Community -* Please pray Network Youth Church based in Brampton at the Green Door Centre, and for Ruth Hutchinson our NYC leader. Pray for new committee members and funding to secure the future of this work in the deanery.

*World Church -* Pankshin *(Nigeria)* The Rt Revd Dr Olumuyiwa Ajayi

Central Philippines *(Philippines)* The Rt Revd Dixie Copanut Taclobao

**Thursday 24th September**

*Mission Community -* Please pray for all pastoral visitors.

Chaplaincy to Brampton Community Hospital and Carlisle Airport.

Pray for the opportunity to restart Wednesday and Saturday morning coffee gatherings and other social events (currently suspended).

Please pray for Ruth Hutchinson and Rachel Gleave (NISCU) in their work in William Howard School and also the local primaries.

*World Church -* Panyana *(South Sudan)* The Rt Revd Seme Nigo Abinda

Central Solomons *(Melanesia)* The Rt Revd Ben Seka

Central Tanganyika *(Tanzania)* The Rt Revd Dickson Chilongani

Friday 25th September

Lancelot Andrewes – English Bishop who served under Elizabeth 1 and James 1 being responsible for the translation of King James Version of the Bible. Famous for his poetical sermons and his influence on preaching.

*Mission Community* – pray that we might take forward lessons learned during “lockdown”: development of online presence, including teaching ministry and Zoom services. Possible partnership with local community groups to provide a food bank in Brampton and meal on wheels service for the surrounding area.

*World Church - C*entral Zambia *(Central Africa)* The Rt Revd Derek Gary Kamukwamba *(Diocesan Bishop)*

Saturday 26th September

*Deacons –* for those to be ordained today in the various services in the cathedral.

*Mission Community -* pray that we might grow in our understanding of the Christian faith and have the confidence to share that faith with others. Pray that the whole people of God may have a heartfelt belief that the gospel can transform lives and save souls.

*World Church -* Paraguay *(South America)* The Rt Revd Peter John Henry Bartlett

Central Zimbabwe *(Central Africa)* The Revd Ignatius Makumbe

Kobe *(Japan)* The Rt Revd Augustine Naoaki Kobayashi

Week Thirty-nine Theme – Derwent Deanery

Sunday 27th September – Trinity 16

*Deanery –* pray for the Binsey, Grasmoor and Keswick Mission Communities

*Coronavirus –* for the community hospitals at Cockermouth and Keswick, for all those caring for the community at this time

*God for All –* for the support of Fresh Expressions, Messy Church and the Moving Forwards programme.

*World Church* - Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

The Most Revd Ezekiel Kumir Kondo - Archbishop of the Province of Sudan & Bishop of Khartoum

*Diocese –* for the priestings taking place over the county this week and all those being ordained.

*Bishops –* give thanks for the leadership of Bishop James and Bishop Emma, asking God’s blessing upon them in the days ahead.

Monday 28th September

*Deanery –* for the new Mission Community leaders and for those in local leadership.

*World Church -* Patna *(North India)* The Most Revd Dr Philip Marandih

Chandigarh *(North India)* The Rt Revd Younas Massey

Tuesday 29th September

St Michael and All Angels – Michaelmas is one of the four traditional quarter days. This year it is the season for ordinations due to the cancellations of most Petertide services. A time when we give thanks for the whole host of heaven, God’s kingdom and the gifts of the Spirit throughout creation.

*Deanery –* for all the churches of the Mission Communities giving thanks for a desire to work together in mission.

*World Church -* Pelotas *(Brazil)* The Rt Revd Renato Da Cruz Raatz

Chelmsford *(England) Vacant*

Wednesday 30th September

St Jerome – Jerome was born in modern Slovenia, he was a scholar who converted to Christianity followed a serious illness in Antioch. As a close friend of Bishop Paulinus of Antioch he set about his life’s work of translating into Latin the newly authorised canon of scripture. The Vulgate was completed in 405, just five years after the final canonical list of the Bible was agreed.

*Deanery –* for all those working with young people, for Messy Church and for the deanery NYC

*World Church -* Pennsylvania *(The Episcopal Church)* The Rt Revd Daniel Gutierrez

Chester *(England)* Vacant

**Thursday 1st October**

**Anthony Ashley Cooper –** the Seventh Earl of Shaftesbury was a leading social reformer of the Victorian Church. A leading advocate of reforming the care for the mental ill, introducing health and safety standards for miners and factory workers, as well as ending child labour and introducing universal education. His Christianity found expression with other great Victorian social reformers.

*Deanery –* for local schools and for all those building bridges between the Mission Communities and the families in their communities

*World Church -* Perth *(Australia)* The Most Revd Kay Goldsworthy

Chhattisgarh *(North India)* The Rt Revd Robert Ali

Chicago *(The Episcopal Church)* The Rt Revd Jeffrey Lee

Friday 2nd October

*Deanery* – for the elderly and housebound in the community, for all carers and the support of the local church congregations

*World Church -* Peru *(South America)* The Rt Revd Jorge Luis Aguilar

Chichester *(England)* The Rt Revd Martin Warner

Saturday 3rd October

Bishop George Bell – Bishop Bell was one of the founders of the interwar ecumenical movement and a friend of Dietrich Bonheoffer, supporting the Confessing Church. He opposed the targeting of cilivians during the Second World War. Recently George Bell has been cleared of allegations made against him many years after his death in 2017 following the Carlile report, an apology was given to his family and his commemoration was restored in the Church’s calender.

*Deanery –* for the opportunity to minister to the millions of visitors to the deanery, and to offer a faithful witness to the gospel.

*World Church -* Peshawar *(Pakistan)* The Most Revd Humphrey Peters *(Primate)*

Chotanagpur *(North India)* The Rt Revd B. B. Baskey

Koforidua *(West Africa)* The Rt Revd Felix Odei Annancy

God for all,

You reached out to the world in your Son Jesus Christ.

Help us to reach out in faith and love and witness to all.

God for all, you send your Holy Spirit

to empower and gift your Church.

By your Spirit help us grow in unity,

grow as followers of Jesus Christ,

and grow in your kingdom

in Cumbria and in this world

Amen