

Cumbria Prayer Diary



**December 2020
& January 2021**

*Praying with our fellow Christians in
Cumbria, together with our link dioceses of
Northern Argentina, Stavanger and Zululand*

It is to be hoped it will be possible to produce a prayer diary booklet once again soon. 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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<https://www.anglicancommunion.org/resources/cycle-of-prayer.aspx>

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Week Forty-eight Theme – Ecumenical County
Sunday 29th November – Advent Sunday

Ecumenical – giving thanks for the fourth anniversary of the signing of the ecumenical covenant. For our partner and companion denominations.

Coronavirus – for the community hospitals, for all those caring for the community at this time

God for All - Pray for IME1 students (ordinands and Readers in training) starting their contrasting parish placements at the start of Advent

World Church - Pray for the Lusitanian Church (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury)
The Rt Revd Jorge Pina Cabral - Bishop of the Lusitanian Church

Bishops – give thanks for the leadership of Bishop James and Bishop Emma

Monday 30th November

St Andrew

Andrew led his brother to meet Jesus. He is the patron of all missionaries and fishermen. As patron saint of Scotland his flag is a reminder of his martyrdom for the faith.

Ecumenical – for all church leaders:
Brian Jolly and the URC North West Synod;
Bishop James and the Carlisle Diocese;
James Tebutt and the Methodist District;
Bishop Paul and the Lancaster Diocese;

Roger Batt and the Salvation Army;
and for those who act as co-ordinators for other
churches, Andrew Dodd and Baptist chapels; Bill
Bewley and Society of Friends; and David Pitkeithly,
Borderkirk, together with independent church fellowship.

World Church - Sekondi (West Africa) The Rt Revd
Alexander Asmah
Eastern Michigan (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd
Todd Ousley

Bishops – Bishop Emma God for All Team day

Tuesday 1st December

Charles de Foucauld
Charles died in 1916 living as a hermit among the
Tuareg of Algeria. Despite not achieving his aim of
founding a contemplative community in his lifetime, his
example has inspired the worldwide community of the
Little Brothers of Jesus. He is best known for his
personal prayer of abandonment:

*Father, I abandon myself into your hands;
do with me what you will.*

Whatever you may do, I thank you:

I am ready for all, I accept all.

Let only your will be done in me,

and in all your creatures –

I wish no more than this, O Lord.

Into your hands, I commend my soul:

I offer it to you with all the love of my heart,

for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself,

to surrender myself into your hands without reserve,

and with boundless confidence,

*for you are my Father. **Amen***

Ecumenical – for all Churches Together groups in the county, for the county President Andrew Dodd, County Social Responsibility Officer Shelagh Goldie and Anna Chaplaincy Co-ordinator Katherine Froggatt

World Church - Seoul (Korea) The Rt Revd Peter Lee
Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador (Canada) The Rt Revd Geoffrey Peddle

Wednesday 2nd December

Ecumenical – for those who are part of the ecumenical governance of the county, especially for the regular church leaders' meetings, the SSG and SIG meetings, as well as the DEOs for each denomination.

World Church - Seychelles (Indian Ocean) The Most Revd James Richard Wong Yin Song (*Primate*)
Eastern Oregon (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Patrick Bell

Thursday 3rd December

Ecumenical – for all our Mission Communities, giving thanks for our common mission and witness to the gospel, for innovative and creative ways to express our common discipleship as fellows of Jesus.

God for All - Pray for Mission Community Leaders who are apart of the Development Programme, as they meet for their second session on December 3rd.

World Church - Sheffield (England) The Rt Revd Pete Wilcox

Eastern Zambia (*Central Africa*) The Rt Revd William Mchombo
Easton (*The Episcopal Church*) The Rt Revd Santosh Marray

Bishops – Bishop Emma God for All update meeting for Rural Deans and Mission Community Leaders

Friday 4th December

Nicholas Ferrar
Nicholas was a friend of George Herbert. At the beginning of the seventeenth century he took his family to Little Gidding and founded a High Church community. His example and writings are distinctively Anglican and he inspired many writers, most notably T S Elliott. His community was re-founded in 1970 by the Pilsden community with two houses in Dorset and Kent.

Ecumenical – for the national ecumenical structures of each denomination and for the work of Churches Together in England, especially for Paul Goodliff in his work as General secretary.

World Church - Shinyanga (*Tanzania*) The Rt Revd Johnson Chinyong'ole
Eau Claire (*The Episcopal Church*) The Revd William Jay Lambert

Saturday 5th December

Ecumenical – for the World Council of Churches and their response to the world wide corona virus pandemic,

for our brothers and sisters in countries across the world.

World Church - Gasabo (Rwanda) The Most Revd
Laurent Mbanda (*Primate*)
Edinburgh (*Scotland*) The Rt Revd John Armes

Week Forty-nine Theme – Methodist District and New Churches

Sunday 6th December – Advent 2

Ecumenical – Pray for James Tebbutt as District Chair, Jennet McLeod as Deputy Chair, Janice Rusling Synod Secretary and Glynis Hayton District Treasurer

Coronavirus – for the community hospitals, for all those caring for the community at this time

God for All - Pray for Christian Communities across Cumbria as we seek new ways of communicating the Christmas message of hope, peace, joy and love come down this year.

World Church - The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury)
The Rt Revd Carlos López-Lozano - Bishop of Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church

Bishops – give thanks for the leadership of Bishop James and Bishop Emma

Monday 7th December

St Ambrose

St Ambrose was Bishop of Milan and one of the first theologians living in the fourth century. He was a firm opponent of Arianism. He is one of the Western Church's four fathers of the faith.

Ecumenical – for the Districts Circuits for all ministers, stewards and churches locally

World Church - Shyira (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Samuel
M Mugisha
Edmonton (*Canada*) *Vacant*

Bishops – Bishops James and Emma at the Bishop
Leadership Team

Tuesday 8th December

Ecumenical – for all Methodist Deacons and their
District Guild, we give thanks for their role within local
Mission Communities

World Church - Shyogwe (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Jered
Kalimba
Egba (*Nigeria*) The Rt Revd Emmanuel Adekunle
Lafia (*Nigeria*) The Rt Revd Godwin A Robinson

Bishops – Bishop Emma God for All Strategy
Implementation Group

Wednesday 9th December

Ecumenical – for the work of Graham Kay as District
Safeguarding Officer and for the close working between
all the denominations of the ecumenical county in this
important area of responsibility

God for All – pray for the diocesan curates and their
study day today.

World Church - Sialkot (Pakistan) The Rt Revd Alwin
John Samuel (*Diocesan Bishop*)
Egba West (*Nigeria*) The Rt Revd Dr Samuel Oludele
Ogundeji

Bishops – Bishop Emma at the Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship

Thursday 10th December

Ecumenical – for the links between the District and worldwide Methodism, giving thanks for link to the Argentinian Methodist Church

God for All - Pray for Mission Community Leaders who are apart of the Development Programme, as they meet for their second session on December 3rd.

World Church Singapore (*South East Asia*) The Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung
Egbu (*Nigeria*) The Rt Revd Geoffrey Okoroafor
Egypt (*Jerusalem & Middle East*) The Rt Revd Mouneer Hanna Anis (*Diocesan Bishop*)

Friday 11th December

Ecumenical – for all new and independent churches in the county giving thanks for their vibrancy in the Gospel and for working with other local churches

World Church - Sittwe (*Myanmar*) The Rt Revd James Min Dein
Eha - Amufu (*Nigeria*) The Rt Revd Daniel Olinya

Saturday 12th December

Ecumenical – for all fresh expressions of church and for all local fellowships bringing fresh disciples in to the faith

World Church - Ekiti (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Dr
Christopher Tayo Omotunde
Ekiti Kwara (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Andrew Ajayi
Ekiti Oke (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Isaac Olubowale
Ekiti West (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Rufus V A Adepoju

Week Fifty – RC Diocese of Lancaster & Communities of Prayer

Sunday 13th December – Advent 3

Ecumenical – for Bishop Paul Swarbrook and the RC parishes and priests of the county, for the Sisters at Boarbank and their care for all in need

Coronavirus – for the ICUs in the county, for those receiving critical care and for all staff

God for All - Pray for the planning for the Cumbria Big Carol Sing Christmas campaign, involving Radio Cumbria and drawing in people right across the county.

World Church - Pray for the Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury)

The Rt Revd Timothy Thornton - Bishop to the Forces and Bishop to the Falkland Islands

Bishops – give thanks for the leadership of Bishop James and Bishop Emma

Monday 14th December

St John of the Cross

St John was a supporter and friend of St Teresa of Avila in reforming the Carmelite Order. Kidnapped and tortured he developed a deep spirituality which found expression in ‘the dark night of the soul’. John is regarded as one of the great contemplative teachers.

Ecumenical – for ARCIC3 and the delayed conversations between the Diocese of Carlisle and

Diocese of Lancaster over the 'Walking in the Way'
report

World Church - Sodor & Man (England) The Rt Revd
Peter Eagles

El Camino Real (*The Episcopal Church*) The Rt Revd
Mary Gray-Reeves

Bishops – Bishops James and Emma attending the
House of Bishops

Tuesday 15th December

Ecumenical – for Ted Gannon and the Spiritual Direction
and Weeks of Guided Prayer in the diocese and for new
links through the Cumbria Ecumenical Spirituality
network

World Church - Sokoto (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Augustine
Omole

El Salvador (*Central America*) The Rt Revd Juan David
Alvarado Melgar

Wednesday 16th December

Ecumenical – for all the Society of Friends and local
Meeting Houses in the county

World Church - South Ankole (Uganda) The Rt Revd
Nathan Ahimbisibwe

Eldoret (*Kenya*) The Rt Revd Christopher Ruto

Bishops – Bishop James at Trinity School, Bishop
Emma at God for All Vision and Strategy Shaping Group

Thursday 17th December

O Sapientia

Today marks the beginning of the ancient countdown to Christmas, called the Advent O's. Today is O Holy Wisdom and these traditional eight days ends with O Come Emmanuel.

Ecumenical – for the spiritual direction network, for all who offer spiritual accompaniment and all who are accompanied in their journey of faith

God for All - Pray for Mission Community Leaders who are apart of the Development Programme, as they meet for their second session on December 3rd.

World Church - South Dakota (*The Episcopal Church*)
The Rt Revd John Tarrant
El-Obeid (*Sudan*) The Rt Revd Ismail Gabriel Abudigin

Bishops – Bishop Emma at the Emmanuel Theological College

Friday 18th December

Ecumenical – for the local houses of prayer being established in the county, for local groups coming together to focus on the need for prayer

World Church - South Kerala (*South India*) The Rt Revd Dharmaraj Rasalam (*Primate*)
Ely (*England*) The Rt Revd Stephen David Conway
Embu (*Kenya*) The Rt Revd David Muriithi Ileri

Saturday 19th December

Ecumenical – for the new monastic communities represented in the county, praying for the Iona and Northumbrian community groups

World Church - South Rwenzori (*Uganda*) The Rt Revd Jackson Nzerebende
Enugu (*Nigeria*) The Most Revd Dr Emmanuel Chukwuma
Enugu North (*Nigeria*) The Rt Revd Sosthenes Eze

Week Fifty-one Theme – Children Charities
Sunday 20th December – Advent 4

Charities – for the work of the Children’s Society and for our local groups, for all those assisted by their work

Coronavirus – for those caring for sick and shielded family members and especially for all children in the county in this caring role

God for All - Pray for the Bishops’s Christmas messages in various media, for the online resources and for the national ‘Comfort and Joy’ campaign.

World Church - Pray for mission agencies and their ministry throughout the Anglican Communion, including the Mothers’ Union around the world.

Bishops – Bishops James and Emma at ‘The Big Sing’

Monday 21st December

Charities – for the work of the NSPCC and for their campaign to protect children from all forms of abuse

World Church - South West Tanganyika (*Tanzania*) The Rt Revd Matthew Mhagama
Esan (*Nigeria*) The Most Revd Friday Imaekhai

Bishops – Bishop James on pre-Christmas retreat

Tuesday 22nd December

Charities – for the work of the Barnado’s charity and for the support and family work in the community

World Church - Etche (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Precious Nwala

Etsako (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Jacob Bada

Wednesday 23rd December

Charities – for all children’s cancer charities, for the work inspired by Helen House to provide hospice care for dying children

World Church - Evo (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Innocent Ordu

Exeter (England) The Rt Revd Robert Atwell

Bishops – Bishop Emma at Carol Service in Carlisle Cathedral

Thursday 24th December

Charities – for the work all international agencies working to create healthy and sustainable futures for the world’s children

God for All - Ezo (South Sudan) The Rt Revd John Kereboro Zawo

Faisalabad (Pakistan) The Rt Revd John Samuel

Falkland Islands (Parish of) (Falkland Islands) The Rt Revd Timothy Thornton (*Diocesan Bishop*)

World Church – Pray for a holy Christmas celebration

Bishops – Bishop James at the Cathedral. Bishop Emma at Kendal Parish Church

Friday 25th December

Christmas Day

Today is the second holiest day of the Christian year. We celebrate the birth of the Emmanuel, God with us.

Charities – for the work of SANDS, for all who remember today especially a child who has died in past years

World Church - Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem and the People of Bethlehem

Saturday 26th December

St Stephen

The first Christian martyr, St Stephen is celebrated the day after Christmas. As one of seven deacons appointed by the Apostles, Stephen is put to death for his faithful witness of the gospel.

Charities – for the work of UNICEF and it's current caring for the Covid generation appeal, for all who will be supported through their work

World Church - Fianarantsoa (Indian Ocean) The Rt Revd Gilbert Ratelosen Rakotondravelo Florida (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd John Howard False Bay (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Margaret Brenda Vertue

Week Fifty-two Theme – Medical Charities
Sunday 27th December – Christmas 1

St John the Evangelist

One of the four New Testament gospel writers, John as one of the Apostles is a great teacher of the faith. St John's Gospel has priority over the other gospels and has a special place in Christian scripture.

Charities – giving thanks for the Anna Chaplaincy movement, for our Cumbria chaplaincy and for the work of the Alzheimer's Society

Coronavirus – for scientific community for the work being done to find effective and usable vaccines to combat Covid 19

God for All – Give thanks for all who have heard the Christmas message afresh online and through social media this Christmas.

World Church - Pray for Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement

His Holiness Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome

His All Holiness Archbishop Bartholomew of

Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch

The General Secretary of the World Council of Churches

Bishop Ivan M Abrahams, General Secretary World Methodist Council

The Reverend Chris Ferguson, General Secretary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches

Bishops – give thanks for the leadership of Bishop James and Bishop Emma

Monday 28th December

The Holy Innocents

The children murdered by King Herod are remembered immediately after Christmas as a reminder of the world's cruelty in opposition to God's love.

Charities – for the national work of the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, for their pioneering treatments of children cancer and generic illnesses and for the charity that supports them.

World Church - Fond du Lac (*The Episcopal Church*)
The Rt Revd Matthew Alan Gunter
Fort Worth (*The Episcopal Church*) The Rt Revd Scott Mayer

Tuesday 29th December

St Thomas Becket

Archbishop Thomas who was murdered on the orders of King Henry became a saint in the days after his martyrdom and his shrine in Canterbury was the most visited in the late medieval church.

Charities – for the work of the British Heart Foundation and for all associated charities working to eliminate heart disease

World Church - Fredericton (*Canada*) The Rt Revd David Edwards

Freetown (Sierra Leone) (*West Africa*) The Rt Revd
Thomas Arnold Ikunika Wilson

Wednesday 30th December

Charities – for the work of Marie Curie and Maxmilliam nurses, for our county's Hospice at Home and for our two hospices, for the work of all these charities and all who are helped by them.

World Church - Gahini (*Rwanda*) The Rt Revd Alexis
Bilindabagabo
Gambia (*West Africa*) The Rt Revd James Allen Yaw
Odico

Thursday 31st December

Charities – for the work of Cancer Research and all other smaller cancer charities which support pioneering work is tackling different forms of cancer, for all those assisted by them

God for All - Pray for Mission Community Leaders who are apart of the Development Programme, as they meet for their second session on December 3rd.

World Church - George (*Southern Africa*) The Rt Revd
Brian Marajh
Georgia (*The Episcopal Church*) The Rt Revd Scott
Benhase

Friday 1st January 2021

The new Anglican Communion Prayer Cycle has changed its format and the new style is reflected in the

ecumenical prayer diary. No longer are the names of the bishops included in the ACC Prayer Diary.

Naming of Jesus

Today we remember the story from St Luke's Gospel of the baby Jesus being brought to the Temple in Jerusalem and Simeon prophesising that he would be the light of the world.

Charities – for MIND and all mental health charities, pray for all seeking to help younger people and those who live by themselves, we pray for groups in the county who support local people

World Church - The Diocese of Aba – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Aba Province)

Saturday 2nd January 2021

St Basil the Great

St Basil is one of the Greek fathers from the fourth century, regarded as a great teacher of the faith and one of the first great theologians.

Charities – for all local charities and all who helped by them

World Church - The Diocese of Aba Ngwa North – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Aba Province)

Week One Theme – New Beginnings
Sunday 3rd January 2021 – Christmas 2

New Beginnings – we pray for this new calendar year, for the difficulties face by so many and we ask for the gifts of hope, perseverance and compassion in helping us to cope with these challenges

Coronavirus – for the roll out during the coming year of the useable vaccines

God for All - Pray Vision Refresh in 2021 and for a ecumenical common witness to the Gospel in the county

World Church - The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

Bishops – give thanks for the leadership of Bishop James and Bishop Emma

Monday 4th January 2021

New Beginnings – for the beginning of a new working year, for those who lost jobs or businesses, for all who are under pressure in their work as a result of the pandemic

World Church - The Diocese of Abakaliki – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Enugu Province)

Tuesday 5th January 2021

New Beginnings – for Vision Refresh and the new strategy, for the new ecumenical governance structure and the work of Mission Communities

World Church - The Diocese of Aberdeen & Orkney – The Scottish Episcopal Church

Wednesday 6th January 2021

The Feast of the Epiphany

Today the church remembers the visit of the Magi. The Orthodox celebrate this day rather than the nativity of Christ. Epiphany means God made 'manifest' in the life of Jesus.

New Beginnings – for those who have come to faith, and for the gospel message to be presented with clarity, humility and in love

World Church - The Diocese of Abuja – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Abuja Province)

Bishops – Bishop James chairing at the Steering Committee, Bishop Emma at the Emmanuel Theological College Implementation Group

Thursday 7th January

New Beginnings – for the developing Fresh Expressions and Network Youth churches, for new fellowships which seek to be church in new ways and to plant new communities of prayer

God for All - Pray for Mission Community Leaders who are apart of the Development Programme, as they meet for their second session on December 3rd.

World Church - The Diocese of Abyei – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Northern Bahr el Ghazal Province)

Bishops – Bishop Emma at God for All Priority Workshop

Friday 8th January

New Beginnings – for our young people returning to schools, colleges and universities, for the difficult year ahead and for the challenges faced by all educational teaching and non-teaching staff

World Church - The Diocese of Accra – The Church of the Province of West Africa (Ghana Province)

Bishops – Bishop Emma at God for All Vision and Strategy shaping group

Saturday 9th January

New Beginnings – for our own personal new beginnings this year, for the challenges ahead, for courage and confidence in the future

World Church - The Diocese of Adelaide – The Anglican Church of Australia (South Australia Province)

Week Two Theme – URC and Baptist Churches
Sunday 10th January – Baptism of Christ

URC – for Brian Jolly as NW Synod Moderator, for the synod officers and the partnership in the ecumenical county

Coronavirus – for the community resilience hubs, for the ongoing support of those most vulnerable in our society

God for All - Give thanks for Allison Fenton's work with curates and lay ministers, and pray for her as she prepares to join the staff at Queen's College, Birmingham at the start of January

World Church - The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

The Rt Revd Jorge Pina Cabral - Bishop of the Lusitanian Church

Bishops – Bishops James and Emma attending the Evangelical Bishops Conference

Monday 11th January

URC – for the county's churches and their ministers Alastair Smeaton, David Harkinson and Martyn Coe, and for the vacancy in Carlisle.

World Church - The Diocese of Afikpo – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Enugu Province)

Tuesday 12th January

Benedict Biscop

St Benedict Biscop brought Bede into the religious life and was one of the great teachers of the Celtic monastic communities. He made five visits to Rome and brought back libraries of books for his monastic foundations.

URC – for the URC General Assembly, for Kevin Watson and Alan Yates its moderators and for the leadership of the national church

World Church - The Diocese of North Africa –
The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

Wednesday 13th January

St Kentigern (Mungo)

St Mungo was forced to leave Glasgow in the sixth century and came to Cumbria founding a new community at Crossthwaite, Keswick. There are a dozen churches in the county dedicated to Kentigern showing his influence on the founding of the church.

Baptists – for Andrew Dodd and his representative role on behalf of the county's Baptist chapels

World Church - The Diocese of the Horn of Africa – The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

Thursday 14th January

Baptists – for the distinctive role of the county's Baptist chapel and their joint mission with local Mission Communities

World Church - The Diocese of Agra – The (united)
Church of North India

Friday 15th January

Baptists – for the Baptist Union, it's President Yinka
Oyekan, General Secretary Lynn Green, and Baptist
Assembly

World Church - The Diocese of Aguata – The Church
of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Province)

Saturday 16th January

Baptists and URC – we remember with sadness the
past splits in the church which led in 1662 to the
expulsion of many Baptists and Presbyterians, we give
thanks now we are together in a common witness to the
gospel message

World Church - The Diocese of Ahoada – The Church of
Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Delta Province)

Week Three Theme – Week of Prayer
Sunday 17th January – Epiphany 2

Week of Prayer – we pray for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and for the theme 'Abiding in Christ' Lord, you are the vinedresser who cares for us with love. You call on us to see the beauty of each branch united to the vine, the beauty of each person. And yet, too often the differences in others make us afraid. We withdraw into ourselves. Our trust in you is forsaken. Enmity develops between us. Come and direct our hearts toward you once again. Grant us to live from your forgiveness so that we may be together and praise your name. **Amen**

Coronavirus – for the Cumbria Community Fund and all those groups who are supported in tackling the effects of Covid19

God for All - Pray for training for lay ministry and for local lay evangelists

World Church - Pray for Anglican Church of Australia

Bishops – give thanks for the leadership of Bishop James and Bishop Emma

Monday 18th January

Week of Prayer – 'you did not choose me but I chose you' (John 15:16). We give thanks for our vocation as Christ's disciples and pray that we might be faithful witnesses.

World Church – The Diocese of Alpo Rongo, The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

Bishops – Bishops James and Emma at Bishop's Leadership Team

Tuesday 19th January

Week of Prayer – 'abide in me as I abide in you', (John 15:4) we pray that we might have the desire for Christ to dwell in our hearts, that we might experience the depths of his mercy.

World Church – Diocese of Ajayi Crowther – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Bishops – Bishops James and Emma attending the House of Bishops. Bishop Emma at Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel

Wednesday 20th January

Week of Prayer – 'love one another as I have loved you' (John 15:12), we pray that we might live in community with one another rooted in the love of Christ.

World Church – The Diocese of Akobo – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Bishops – Bishop James attending DBF. Bishop Emma attending DBE

Thursday 21st January

Week of Prayer – ‘I do not call you servants any longer, but I have called you friends’ (John 15:15), we ask that we might grow together in prayer, that this primary relationship might reveal our unity with one another as Christ’s disciples.

God for All - Pray for Mission Community Leaders who are apart of the Development Programme, as they meet for their second session on December 3rd.

World Church – The Diocese of Akoko, The Church of Nigeria

Bishops – Bishop Emma at Emmanuel Theological College Group meeting

Friday 22nd January

Week of Prayer – ‘you have already been pruned by the word’ (John 15:3) we pray that we will renew our commitment to follow God’s teaching and be faithful to his word in scripture.

World Church – Diocese of Akodo Edo, Church of Nigeria (Bendel Province)

Saturday 23rd January

Week of Prayer – ‘go and bear fruit, fruit that will last’ (John 15:16) we pray that might be transformed by Christ, that his love might grow in us and bear fruit.

World Church – Diocese of Akot, Province of the
Episcopal Church of South Sudan (East Bahr el Ghazal
Province)

Bishops – Bishops James and Emma at Bishops
Council

Week Four Theme – Week of Prayer & Salvation Army
Sunday 24th January – Epiphany 3

Week of Prayer – ‘I am the vine, you are the branches’, (John 15:5) we pray that we might live in communion with Christ and so grow deeper into relationship with one another, we remember that we are rooted in Christ Jesus.

Coronavirus – for the suffering from Long Covid, for all who have been bereaved and all who are suffering from mental health issues as a result of the lockdowns

God for All - Pray for the work going into the establishing and launch of Emmanuel Theological College – especially for Paul Dunthorne & Bishop Emma in all they are doing.

World Church - Pray for the Church of Bangladesh

Bishops – give thanks for the leadership of Bishop James and Bishop Emma

Monday 25th January

Conversion of St Paul

Saul conversion is recorded in Acts 9, he became known as St Paul and through his letters shaped the emerging church, one of the founders of our church.

Week of Prayer – ‘so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete’, (John 15:11) we pray that the new light of Christ might bring hope to many, we remember that the fellowship of discipleship is not for us but for all who are yet to become Christ’s disciples.

World Church – Diocese of Akure, Church of Nigeria,
(Ondo Province)

Bishops – Bishops James and Emma at College of
Bishops

Tuesday 26th January

St Timothy and St Titus
Companions of St Paul and recipients of letters named
after them. St Paul's advice to them, teaches us all how
to be Christ's disciples in our daily lives.
Salvation Army – for Roger Batt and the leadership of
the Salvation Army in the north west, for their
commitment to the poor and those most in need

World Church – Diocese of Alabama, ECUSA

Bishops – Bishop Emma at Lambeth Conference
Working Group meeting

Wednesday 27th January

Salvation Army – for the Salvation Army churches in
Cumbria and their leaders, at Barrow, Carlisle, Kendal,
Penrith, Workington and Whitehaven

World Church – Diocese of Alaska, ECUSA

Thursday 28th January

St Thomas Aquinas

St Thomas was a Dominican living in the thirteenth
century regarded as one of the greatest theologians of

the church. His influence on the development of Christian doctrine has been immense.

Salvation Army – we pray for those assisted and supported by this year's Winter Appeal, we give thanks for the practical love and care shown to so many who are neglected by our society.

God for All – Diocese of St Albans, Church of England (Canterbury Province)

World Church - Sheffield (England) The Rt Revd Pete Wilcox

Eastern Zambia (*Central Africa*) The Rt Revd William Mchombo

Easton (*The Episcopal Church*) The Rt Revd Santosh Marray

Friday 29th January

Salvation Army – we give thanks for the vision of the Salvation Army's founder William Booth and remember with sadness that his vision was not embraced by the Church, but we give thanks that together we now witness to the common mission of the gospel.

World Church – Diocese of Albany, ECUSA

Saturday 30th January

Salvation Army – we give thanks for the Salvation Army's key role is helping those who are rescued from modern slavery, supporting the victims in their moment of need and assisting them in building a life for themselves free exploitation

World Church – Diocese of Algoma, Church of Canada,
(Ontario Province)

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