

Cumbria Prayer Diary



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March 2021

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

The ongoing lockdown means that Church House remains closed and therefore it is impossible to print off hard copies of the prayer diary for the foreseeable future.

The Vision prayer for the new five-year strategy has now replaced the former God for All prayer on the final page.

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 Eight Theme – Carlisle West MC

Sunday 28th February – Lent 2

MC – giving thanks for the church communities in the Mission Community: St John's London Road, St Andrew's Botcherby, St Peter's Kingmoor, St John's Houghton and 4LIFE. We pray to be a growing family of thriving congregations.

Coronavirus – for our children, for those who have not been able to attend school, for the impact upon this generation's development and opportunities, we pray for their well being

Vision - Pray for the care of our local environment, that we might take seriously the fifth mark of mission and care for the land that we have been given and all life

World Church - Pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Bishops – Bishop Emma preach at St Paul's Church Barrow

Monday 1st March

St David

Patron saint of Wales, Dewi one of the founding saints of the church in the sixth century. As an inspiration and leader of the first churches in Wales his faith and courage are an example to all modern Christians.

MC – for the leadership Rev Andrew Towner (MC leader) and Rev Steve Donald, with Esther Cruse (MC

administrator) and our MCC (Mission Community Council): Bryony, Rob, Emily, Giles, Paul, Fraser

World Church - The Diocese of Armidale – The Anglican Church of Australia

Bishops – Bishop Emma at Emmanuel Theological College Academic Group

Tuesday 2nd March

St Chad

One of four brothers rescued from slavery by Aidan, Chad after his education at Lindisfarne became missionary to pagan Mercia. He converted the kingdom establishing his first community at Lichfield in the seventh century.

MC – for many ministries paused, but Houghton & Kingmoor's 'Someday School' every Wednesday and Impact (secondary-school age-group) on Tuesday evenings.

World Church - The Diocese of Arochukwu / Oha a – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Bishops – Bishop Emma at DBE Strategy Day

Wednesday 3rd March

MC – for many ministries paused, but willing teams ready to recommence; pray for all those phoning around people so that no-one feels forgotten or left out.

World Church - The Diocese of Aru – Province de
L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Bishops – Bishop Emma at Mothers' Union Chaplains
Online meeting

Thursday 4th March

MC – Give thanks for the outreach work developed from
St Andrew's Botcherby, and pray for plans to plant a
new congregation in Houghton during 2021/2022.

World Church - The Missionary Diocese of Asaba – The
Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

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

Friday 5th March

MC – pray for mutual love and forgiveness, praying
against gossip and hardness of heart. Pray for the joy of
the Lord to motivate, and the peace of Christ to rule.

World Church - The Diocese of Asante-Mampong – The
Church of the Province of West Africa

Bishops – Bishop James attending the Cumbria Politics
Forum

Saturday 6th March

MC – We pray to be a growing family of thriving congregations. Give thanks for our incoming Associate Minister Rev Gary Tubbs, and for wisdom in the many opportunities before us.

World Church - The Diocese of Saint Asaph – The Church in Wales

Bishops – Bishop James and Bishop Emma at the Diocesan Synod

Week Nine Theme – Solway Deanery

Sunday 7th March – Lent 3

Deanery – For the clergy and people of:

Solway Plain: Wigton, Silloth, Asopatria and surrounding villages

Criffel View: Crosscanby, Dearham, Maryport and Flimby

Workington: Seaton, Workington, Harrington and Distington

Coronavirus – for schools returning this week, for all governors, staff and pupils, for Vanessa O’Dea Diocesan Director of Education, the members of the Diocesan Board of Education and Good Shepherd MAT

Vision - Pray for the engagement with the ecumenical vision and the four themes, during Lent may we deepen our journey of faith to follow daily Jesus in our lives

World Church - Province de L’Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Bishops – Bishop Emma preach at St Mary’s Ambleside

Monday 8th March

Bishop Edward King

Edward King as founder of St Stephen’s House and as Bishop of Lincoln was hugely influential in the Anglo-Catholic revival of the Church of England. He was well loved as a kindly caring Bishop. His innovations as a diocesan bishop have set a pattern which many have followed.

Deanery – Tim Herbert (rural Dean); Yvette Ladds (DNYC) Valarie Hallard (Secretary); Treasurer (Vacant) and for all members of the Chapter and Deanery Synod

World Church - The Diocese of Athabasca –
The Anglican Church of Canada

Tuesday 9th March

Deanery – Children and young people at home and school, for parents and teachers in difficult times. Rebuilding and re-establishing Messy Church and other work with young children in local churches. The future of all youth groups and church children's work which has been hit really hard to keep mobilising the mission of young people. Pray for the Flimby Girls Brigade

World Church - The Diocese of Athooch – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Wednesday 10th March

Deanery - For Ian Granger beginning his work as chaplain to the Police in West Cumbria. For the local expressions of the NHS is exceedingly demanding times. For rebuilding community links in the aftermath of pandemic driven shut-downs. Working with Alzheimer's Group and care homes in Maryport and Flimby

World Church - The Diocese of Atlanta

Thursday 11th March

Deanery – Solway Network Youth Church, Yvette Ladds the leader and all the volunteers both physical and virtual meetings as possible, for creativity, energy and wisdom to support young people and their families in this difficult time. The continuing development of creative forms of communicating the gospel

World Church - The Diocese of Auckland – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia (Pakeha Tikanga)

Friday 12th March

Deanery – For the restoration and recreation of communities as lockdowns are hopefully eased and ministry can resume, not least the occasional offices

World Church - The Diocese of North West Australia – The Anglican Church of Australia

Saturday 13th March

Deanery – For the review of patterns and practice of ministry in the light of the financial consequences of the pandemic. For the recovery of giving and good stewardship

World Church - The Diocese of Aweil – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Week Ten Theme – Barrow MC

Sunday 14th March – Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday

MC – for the churches of Hartington Street, Trinity Centre, Beacon Hill, Ramsden Street, Barrow Network Youth Church, Vickerstown, St Mary's, St Aidan's, St George's, St Mark's, St John's, St James, St Francis, St Paul's & Grace Church, Salvation Army

Coronavirus – for our local businesses closed for the last ten weeks, we pray for those who have lost work and firms which have had to shut, we remember the lost of community in the workplace

Vision - Pray for community cohesion, for a sense of togetherness, that we might care deeply for the places where we have been placed to show Christ's love

World Church - Pray for Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Bishops – Bishop Emma preach at St Paul's Church Barrow

Monday 15th March

MC – Pray for the Steering Group as we work on a BMC Development Plan and involve churches in a Sustainability Survey. Pray for us with a number of churches 'in vacancy' and with some clergy absent through illness.

World Church - The Diocese of Awerial – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Tuesday 16th March

MC – Pray for Andy Ward, NYC minister, as he adapts to changing lockdown restrictions. A number of online events and resources are available each week. Give thanks for a Community Garden project that has begun, working with young people and team.

World Church - The Diocese of Awgu / Aninri
– The Church of Nigeria

Bishops – Bishop Emma speaking at conference for Carlisle Healthcare Chaplains

Wednesday 17th March

St Patrick

Patrick was captured by members of the U Neils clan from Ulster in the fifth century, probably from the Solway Firth around Allonby. As the patron saint of Ireland, he is remembered today around the world. His faith though was nurtured under the influence of Ninian's community at Whithorn, and is one of the earliest Cumbrian saints.

MC – Give thanks for Anna Chaplaincy developing in Barrow and pray for Babs Lowes, Anna Chaplain, as she works with churches to serve older people.

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

Bishops – Bishop James at the Diocesan Board of Finance and the House of Bishops: Bishop Emma at Carlisle Deanery Chapter

Thursday 18th March

MC – Pray for the right person to be appointed as Pioneer Practitioner Enabler, as we seek to grow fresh expressions for 16-30's. Pray too for those churches who are utilising the online space to make and grow disciples of Jesus.

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

Bishops – Bishop Emma speaking at Mission Community Leaders Programme

Friday 19th March

St Joseph

From the earliest days of the church St Joseph has been celebrated. As the earthly father of Jesus his role is seen in Matthew's Gospel as faithfully listening to the message of the archangel as well as in his care for Mary and their child. In many countries in the world his feast day is the time to celebrate the gift of fatherhood.

MC – Pray that the understandable desire to 'return to normal' wouldn't mean that we fail to listen to what God has been showing us over lockdown.

World Church - The Diocese of Ayod – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Saturday 20th March

St Cuthbert

Cuthbert is the great saint of the foundation of Christianity in our county. Cuthbert visited the county on many occasions and we are told by Bede that he had 'a special love for those who lived in remote mountainous parts of the land'. We give thanks for his continuing influence upon Christians in the modern Church.

MC – Pray for wisdom as we audit and evaluate buildings, existing ministry and services, and allocation of clergy. Pray we would be wise, courageous and expectant as we seek the growth of God's kingdom in Barrow.

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

Week Eleven Theme – Eden Wild Goose MC Sunday 21st March – Lent 5

MC – for the churches of Wetheral Methodist, Scotby, Cotehill, Holme Eden, Wetheral

Coronavirus – for the lonely and depressed, for those who have felt their isolation all the greater during the current lockdown, for those caring at a distance unable to visit or to show a loving presence to those in need

Vision - Pray for the courage to speak boldly about our faith to others, to witness to the hope within us and to live a life of service

World Church – pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Bishops – Bishop Emma preach at Carlisle Cathedral

Monday 22nd March

MC – for Isaac Lawrence, Rachel Williams, Peter Dixon, Millie Mckey, Graeme Skinner and those beginning to catch the vision.

World Church - The Diocese of the Bahamas and The Turks and Caicos Islands – The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Bishops – Bishop Emma at Mission Community support meeting

Tuesday 23rd March

MC – for Early days on planning to start children's group called 'Cuddy Ducks'. Wisdom to use limited Human Resources effectively.

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

Bishops – Bishop James and Bishop Emma at Church leaders God for All strategy group

Wednesday 24th March

Walter Hilton

Walter Hilton is an English fourteenth century mystic whose writings have again become very influential. As Augustinian, his writings are relevant to Cumbria, with a longing for peace in the world.

MC – for Eden Wild Goose activities, Nature, Crafts, Community Choir, online events. For 'keeping the rumour of God alive' in the community.

World Church - The Diocese of Ballarat – The Anglican Church of Australia (Victoria Province)

Thursday 25th March

The Feast of the Annunciation

The story of the annunciation from St Luke's Gospel focusses on the faith of Mary. It reminds us to be attentive to the Holy Spirit in our lives and to recognise God's moments when they come to us, to respond in love and faith.

MC – for Eden Wild Goose Pray – using the Rhythm of Life David Adam book.

World Church - The Diocese of Bangor –
The Church in Wales

Bishops – Bishop Emma at Church of England Vision and Strategy Shaping Group

Friday 26th March

MC – pray for Social distancing blocks our growth – since EWG is all about social interaction.

World Church - The Diocese of Banks & Torres –
The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Saturday 27th March

MC – for Deepening discipleship beyond and through activities.

World Church - The Diocese of Barbados – The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Week Twelve Theme – Holy Week

Sunday 28th March – Palm Sunday

Holy Week – For Holy Week as a time of repentance and for all to know the generosity of God's forgiveness.

Coronavirus – for people meeting up as the restrictions ease this week, for time spent together and reuniting with loved ones.

Vision - Pray for the care of our local environment, that we might take seriously the fifth mark of mission and care for the land that we have been given and all life

World Church - Week of Prayer for Repentance,
The Church of England

Bishops – Bishop James Licensing of Associate Priest at St John's Houghton: Bishop Emma preaching at St Thomas' Kendal

Holy Monday 29th March

Holy Week – That all church members may proclaim the good news of the gospel, and we repent of the times we have not done this.

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

Bishops – Bishop Emma leading Holy Week at the Cathedral

Holy Tuesday 30th March

Holy Week – That we might seek to teach, baptise and nurture new believers, and we repent of our failure to welcome all in the past.

World Church - The Diocese of Baringo –
The Anglican Church of Kenya

Holy Wednesday 31st March

Holy Week – That all of us will respond to human need by loving service, we repent of the times we have failed to respond.

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

Maundy Thursday 1st April

For the grace to follow the commandment of Jesus at the Last Supper, that we might 'love one another'. We pray for all our fellow Christians in the county and that we might believe that each of us are members of the one Church, united by one Baptism, and held in love by our one Lord.

Holy Week – That we might seek to transform unjust structures of society, and we repent that we have failed to speak out.

World Church - The Diocese of Bath & Wells –
The Church of England

Bishops – Bishop James and Emma at the cathedral for the Service of Renewal of Vows and Blessing of Oils

Good Friday 2nd April

For a faithful keeping of this holy day, that we might remember today the saving love of Jesus shown to us and all people on the cross, to trust in his promises and to prepare ourselves once more to share in the good news of Easter Day.

Holy Week – That everyone should strive for the care of all creation, and repent of our misuse of this planet and its gifts.

World Church - The Diocese of Bathurst – The Anglican Church of Australia

Holy Saturday 3rd April

Holy Week – For the people we have fallen out with, for our lack of love, for our failure to live as Jesus taught us, we repent of all these sins.

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

Week Thirteen Theme – Easter

Sunday 4th April – Easter Sunday

Easter – For Easter Day, for the gift of Christ's Risen Life, for the good news of life lived in all its fullness (John 10:10)

Coronavirus – for our children, for those who have not been able to attend school, for the impact upon this generation's development and opportunities, we pray for their well being

Vision - Pray for the care of our local environment, that we might take seriously the fifth mark of mission and care for the land that we have been given and all life

World Church - Pray for the peace of Jerusalem

Bishops – Bishop Emma preach at St Paul's Church Barrow

Vision Prayer

Living Lord, as we offer to you our common life,
refresh our vision that we may know your will
and seek to follow in all your ways.

May we **follow daily** as your disciples,
care deeply for one another in community,
speak boldly your gospel word of love,
and **tread gently** as faithful stewards of your
goodness.

We ask this in the power of your holy name,
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer
of our lives, today and for ever. **Amen**