

Cumbria Prayer Diary



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May 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 Sixteen Theme – Penrith Deanery
Sunday 25th April – Easter 4

Deanery – For Penrith Mission Area and Enalber - Revd Canon Gary Cregeen: East of Eden MC; Penrith MC; Ullswater MC; and Blencathra MC

Coronavirus – for the vaccination programme, for all who have received the vaccine, for those working to ensure the vaccination is available and for those yet to receive their vaccine

Vision - Pray that we might speak boldly words of love, that we might live out Christ's command to us his disciples, to love one another

World Church - Pray for the Church of Nippon, Japan

Bishops – Bishop James Service of Collation for new Canon Warden, Benjamin Carter at the Cathedral

Monday 26th April

St Mark the Evangelist

As one of the four Biblical Evangelists and an early disciple Mark has been revered by the church since earliest days. His gospel is believed to be the teaching of St Peter with whom he is likely to have been martyred in Rome.

Deanery – Rural Dean, Rev'd Canon David Sargent
Methodist Superintendent, Rev'd Dave Milner
Lay Chair – Bryan Gray
Mission Area (Deanery & Circuits) – Gary Cregeen

World Church - The Diocese of Brasília – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil (3 Province)

Bishops – Bishop Emma Diocesan Safeguarding Panel

Tuesday 27th April

Christina Rossetti

Christina Rossetti was a member of the PreRaphaelite fellowship of artists and sister to Dante. She was a model for many of the painters and therefore she would be recognisable to us from many famous works of art. Twice left at the altar she never married and only after her death did her poetry achieve worldwide fame.

Deanery – for Chenda Nuttall, Tracey & Tim Cook
'Lockdown Babies' support group, Carl Mimmack NYC

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

Bishop – Bishop Emma at Emmanuel College Staff Interviews

Wednesday 28th April

Deanery – for Andrew Gardner, Local nursing & residential care homes
Mary Edwards – developing a distinctive diaconal ministry, especially to and with those on the margins of our community.

World Church - The Diocese of Brechin – The Scottish Episcopal Church

Thursday 29th April

St Catherine of Siena

Catherine was a fourteenth century lay Dominican. Born in Siena she founded a community which lived below the cathedral. Her greatest work, *The Dialogue of Divine Providence*, has been enormously influential in the life of the Church. In 1999, she was proclaimed the patron saint of Europe by Pope John Paul II

Deanery – for Chenda Nuttall developing new outreach to families

World Church - The Diocese of Brisbane – The Anglican Church of Australia (*Queensland Province*)

Bishops – Bishop Emma Lambeth Conference Working Group Meeting

Friday 30th April

Deanery – for increased helpers to enable the new work to develop
For appointments of clergy leaders to parishes in continued vacancy

World Church - The Diocese of Bristol – The Church of England (*Canterbury Province*)

Bishops – Bishop James licencing at Rockcliffe

Saturday 1st May

St Philip and St James

St Philip and St James appear in the gospels as disciples of Jesus. They appear only briefly in the gospels, Philip asks a question of Jesus at the last supper and to distinguish him from James the brother of John, he is known as James the Less. The two of them are regarded as evangelists in the Orthodox Church in modern Turkey and around the Black Sea.

Deanery – For genuinely new forms of mission and outreach to be possible

World Church - The Diocese of British Columbia,
Canada

Week Seventeen Theme – Solway Plain MC
Sunday 2nd May – Easter 5

MC – For Wigton, St Mary; Thursby St Andrew; Cornerstone Methodist Church in Wigton, Aspatria, Abbeytown, Sillith; Newton Arlosh St John; Kirkbride St Bride; Silloth Christ Church; St Andrew's, Silloth URC; Holme Cultram St Mary; Bromfield St Mungo; West Newton St Matthew; St Cuthbert Holme Cultram; Aspatria St Kentigern; Haytion St James; Gilcruix St Mary.

Coronavirus – for those suffering around the world from the virus and health care systems overwhelmed in India

Vision – that we may tread gently in our care for our local environment and work together as faithful stewards of creation

World Church - Pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

Monday 3rd May

MC – for Tim Herbert; Geoffrey Ravalde; Bryan Rothwell; Andrew Callaway; Phil Jackson; Dave Harkision; Yvette Ladds (NYC); Judith Parr (Outreach Worker); Malcolm Stilwell and all people in their respective ministries.

World Church - The Diocese of Central Buganda
– The Church of the Province of Uganda

Tuesday 4th May

English saints of the Reformation

Today we remember all those martyred for their faith on all sides of the English Reformation, we recall with sadness the terrible loss of life and cruelty that results from schisms and division in God's church

MC – For Messy Church and other work with Children across the Mission Community, especially re-establishing work with young people in small rural communities and for involvement in schools after the long shut-down.

World Church - The Diocese of West Buganda – The Church of the Province of Uganda

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

Wednesday 5th May

MC – For outreach through Social engagements including: Foodbank; Community Lunches especially in the wake of the COVID Pandemic which has caused lots of things to cease at least temporarily.

World Church - The Diocese of Buhiga – The Anglican Church of Burundi

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

Thursday 6th May

MC - For a return to active mission post-pandemic through children and adult engagement in creative ways in different communities. For the development of creative ways of engagement with a range of communities.

World Church - The Diocese of Bujumbura – The Anglican Church of Burundi

Bishops – Bishops James and Emma at the Bishop's Council

Friday 7th May

MC - For the development of commitment and resources to grow and develop in new ways in settled and traditional communities. For the overcoming of apathy and disdain.

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

Saturday 8th May

Julian of Norwich

Commonly known as Julian of Norwich the unnamed anchorite had a series of visions in the fourteenth century which are still read by many modern Christians. Her words speak of the reassurance of God's love

during the time of the Black Death, which are relevant to us and encourage us in our faith.

MC – For a willingness to grow and work together to support and encourage through the sharing of gifts across the Mission Community. For the development of Mission Communities in the wake of the financial impact of COVID on the different churches

World Church - The Diocese of Bukedi – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Bishops – Bishop James at Cathedral Council

Week Eighteen Theme – Christian Aid
Sunday 9th May – Easter 6

Christian Aid - 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you'

John 15:12

Pray for all the events and services happening this Christian Aid Week, face to face and online.

May the spirit of joyful giving transform communities across this nation and the world this Christian Aid Week.
Amen

Coronavirus – giving thanks for the roll out of the vaccination programme, giving thanks for renewed hope and confidence.

Vision – during this Christian Aid Week that our vision might lead us to support and help those most in need in our world

World Church - Pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya

Monday 10th May

Christian Aid – Pray that this week will create a sense of connection and joy for churches and communities here in the UK and across the world.

World Church - The Diocese of Bunbury –
The Anglican Church of Australia
(Western Australia Province)

Bishops – Bishop Emma at God for All Operations Group and Emmanuel College Academic Group

Tuesday 11th May

Christian Aid – Pray that the generosity of Florence Muthiani, whose community in Kenya was transformed by a dam, will inspire others to give and act. 'I am thankful to people who have donated to build this earth dam. I am praying God will increase their giving,' said Florence.

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

Bishops – Bishop Emma at Lambeth Conference Working Group

Wednesday 12th May

Dom Gregory Dix

Dom Gregory Dix who founded the Parish Communion movement and helped to make the Eucharist the central focus of our worship, his influence on liturgical reform led to Common Worship and the modern style of our worship.

Christian Aid – Give thanks for the work of God in the world today and the places where we see the Holy Spirit moving.

World Church - The Diocese of Bunyoro-Kitara
– The Church of the Province of Uganda

Bishops – Bishop James at online Christian Aid event,
and BLT Safeguarding training

Thursday 13th May – Thy Kingdom Come begins

Ascension Day

Today is a holy day of obligation for all Christians. Christ's ascension completes his incarnation, beginning at his birth. At Christmas God is with us, and at Ascension we come to be with God.

Christian Aid – Give thanks for the different ways that we see and understand God and the ways we can share this with one another.

World Church - The Diocese of Busan – The Anglican Church of Korea

Bishops – Emmanuel College Implementation Group

Friday 14th May

St Matthias the Apostle

Matthias was chosen by lot to take the place of Judas as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. We celebrate the life of the apostles today as witnesses to the resurrection.

Christian Aid – Pray for Just Scripture, Christian Aid's intercultural biblical dialogue, which seeks to bring people together to read God's word from different contexts and viewpoints.

World Church - The Diocese of Busoga – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Saturday 15th May

Christian Aid – Pray for opportunities to listen to what God is saying to us through the Holy Spirit

World Church - The Diocese of Central Busoga – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Bishops – Bishop Emma preach at Mothers' Union Diocese Service and Emmanuel College Trustees meeting

**Week Nineteen Theme – Thy Kingdom Come
Sunday 16th May – Sunday after Ascension**

Thy Kingdom Come – praying for new disciples in our country and a renewal of our churches,
Almighty God, your ascended son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your kingdom: inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all who hear your word may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Coronavirus – that the lessons learned through the pandemic and lockdowns will encourage us all to know who is important to us and be thankful

Vision – in this week of praying for the nation may we follow daily as Christ's disciples in our witness to the faith

World Church - Pray for The Anglican Church of Korea

Monday 17th May

Thy Kingdom Come – For a moving of the Holy Spirit across our country

World Church - The Diocese of Butare – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Bishops – Bishop James at House of Bishops

Tuesday 18th May

Thy Kingdom Come - In these uncertain times people will find their hope and security in Jesus

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

Bishops – Bishop James at House of Bishops; Bishop Emma at DBE and Lambeth Conference meeting

Wednesday 19th May

St Dunstan

Dunstan was an Anglo-Saxon Archbishop of Canterbury in the tenth century. For two centuries, his shrine was the most visited by pilgrims in the country. He was well loved for his prayerful life and care for the church.

Thy Kingdom Come - Wisdom and strength for church leaders as to how they carry out their ministries at this time

World Church - The Diocese of Buye – The Anglican Church of Burundi

Thursday 20th May

St Alcuin

Alcuin is sometimes named as Ealhwine or Alhwin, as a teacher from York he became the most respected theological at the court of Charlemagne in the eighth century. He was a prolific writer and his works have been used by theologians.

Thy Kingdom Come - Our witness to our family, friends and neighbours

World Church - The Diocese of Byumba – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Bishops – Bishop Emma at CPAS Council meeting

Friday 21st May

St Helena

As the mother of the Emperor Constantine, she was the leading Christian until her son's conversion in the fourth century. She identified many holy sites and she is regarded widely as being the key influence in the Empire adopting Christianity as its official religion.

Thy Kingdom Come – for God's comfort for all who have suffered bereavement in the last year

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

Saturday 22nd May

Thy Kingdom Come – for a moving of the Holy Spirit to renew faith among young people to lead the church to engage in their communities

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

Week Twenty Theme – Two Rivers MC
Sunday 23rd May – Pentecost
Anglican Communion Sunday

MC – for St James, St Barnabas, St Luke's, St Michael's, St Mark's, Wigton Road Methodist Church and Newtown Road Methodist Church

Coronavirus – giving thanks for the further easing of restrictions this week, remembering family and friends who are now allow to meet in each others home and to mourn those who have been lost in the pandemic

Vision – for the Spirit's gifts in our MCs and in their common mission and witness to their communities.

World Church - Pray for The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Monday 24th May

John and Charles Wesley

On this day the Wesley brothers felt their hearts strangely warmed in a service, and through their witness founded the conference of preachers which eventually became the Methodist Church. Today is celebrated by Methodists around the world.

MC – for the local clergy Rev Simon Bickersteth, Rev Matt Martinson, Rev David Newlove, Rev Nigel Beer, Rev Nina Orchard, Rev Barrie Thomas, Rev Ian Johnston, Revd Andrew Warburton, and the Readers and other lay leaders within the mission community.

World Church – The Diocese of Caledonia – The Anglican Church of Canada (BC and Yukon Province)

Bishops – Bishops James and Emma at BLT

Tuesday 25th May

The Venerable Bede

The author of seventy-four books Bede is most famous for his history of the English. His forceful writing, which is often critical of contemporary church leaders, has a clear sense of the missionary role of the church. His stories of the founding saints of the church in these islands are greatly loved.

MC – for the work of Carlisle Network Youth Church, and the leaders Kristian and Sophie, and for our ministry amongst local schools within the mission community.

World Church - The Diocese of Calgary – The Anglican Church of Canada(Rupert's Land Province)

Bishops – Bishop James at Church of Scotland Assembly

Wednesday 26th May

St Augustine of Canterbury

St Augustine's mission was commissioned by Pope Gregory having seen Angle children in Rome, and said of them 'not Angles but Angels!'. He sent Augustine to convert the Angles of Kent, and Augustine was gifted land by Hengist to found his community which is the site of the cathedral.

MC – for the work of the St James and St Luke's food banks, and the people who are struggling to feed themselves during this pandemic. Pray for the pastoral ministry to the elderly and vulnerable during the pandemic, and for the work of the chaplaincy team in the Cumberland Infirmary (which is within our mission community). Pray for our frontline NHS workers, who are under immense pressure at the moment.

World Church - The Diocese of California –
The Episcopal Church

Bishops – Bishop Emma at Lambeth Conference
Working Group

Thursday 27th May

MC - for our online services, that they may not only reach the existing congregations, but read out to those beyond the church family.
Pray for the work of Cornerstone in Denton Holme. Pray for wisdom and discernment as we explore what church may look like in a post Covid world.

World Church - The Diocese of Northern California –
The Episcopal Church

Bishops – Bishops James and Emma at NW Regional Bishops meeting

Friday 28th May

MC - Pray that God will help us overcome the barriers that prevent growth, lack of resources (both finance and people). Fear and complacency, self-reliance (rather than reliance on God) and lack of vision

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

Bishops – Bishop James meeting with DSA and new DSO

Saturday 29th May

MC – for the future development and leadership of the Mission Community. Pray for the North Cumbria Methodist Circuit and Wigton Circuit as they explore creating one new Circuit. Pray for the congregations impacted by the closure

World Church - The Diocese of El Camino Real – The Episcopal Church

**Week Twenty-One Theme – Brampton Deanery
Sunday 30th May – Trinity Sunday**

Deanery – For our MCs: Eden Wild Goose; Irthing, Gelt and Eden; Borders Area (yet to launch as a MC)

Coronavirus – for all NHS staff recovering from the winter wave of infections and those traumatised by their experiences

Vision – for the discussions of the new covenant and county agreements to be signed on Advent Sunday

World Church - Pray for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

Monday 31st May

The Feast of the Visitation

Today we remember the story of the visit of Mary to Elizabeth from St Luke's Gospel. Today we give thanks for the faith of both Mary and Elizabeth.

Deanery – for Rural Dean Edward Johnsen
Deanery Lay Chair Sheila Goodliffe
The Deanery Standing Group

World Church - The Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn
– The Anglican Church of Australia

Tuesday 1st June

Justin Martyr

One of the earliest theologians of the church. **Justin Martyr** was an early Christian apologist and philosopher. Most of his works are lost, but two apologies and a dialogue did survive, which are still widely quoted.

Deanery – For Ruth Hutchinson and the Brampton Area
For NYC Online youth meetings by zoom.
For wisdom in the Eden Wild Goose MC for how to proceed with the appointment of a Children's and Family Outreach Worker.

World Church - The Diocese of Canterbury –
The Church of England

Wednesday 2nd June

Deanery – For church-based COVID support networks across the parishes and for links with various local community action groups also meeting the challenges of the COVID situation.

World Church - The Diocese of Cape Coast – The Church of the Province of West Africa

Thursday 3rd June

Corpus Christi

This feast is fixed for the first Thursday after Trinity Sunday and is the celebration of the gift of the Eucharist to the church.

Deanery – For discernment in building on the new contacts and ways of connecting online as Church.

World Church - The Diocese of Cape Coast – The Church of the Province of West Africa
Friday 4th June

Deanery – For a new commitment and inventiveness in finding ways to enable lay Christians to exercise ministry in the local church and in the deanery.

World Church - The Diocese of North Eastern Caribbean & Aruba – The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Saturday 5th June

St Boniface

Boniface is a name given to Winfred when he became a missionary to the Germanic tribes in the eighth century. He is remembered in many German speaking communities today as their patron saint and his courageous faith which led to his martyrdom in 754 is celebrated today.

Deanery – For development of a Mission Community in the Border area of the deanery.
For the widening of the NYC ministry across the deanery.

World Church - The Diocese of Carlisle – The Church of England

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**