

Cumbria Prayer Diary



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Speak Boldly Tread Gently

September 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 Thirty Four – Schools
Sunday 29th August – 13th Sunday after Trinity

Schools - for all children preparing to return to school during the coming weeks, especially for those who are moving schools and will be making new friends

Coronavirus – for the programme of Covid and flu vaccines for the autumn, for the planning of delivery and all those volunteering

Vision - pray for the ecumenical strategy and for the conversion of Cumbria and its communities to the Gospel

World Church - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Monday 30th August

Schools - for all teachers and staff at our local schools, giving thanks for their dedication and service, their skills and knowledge

World Church - The Diocese of Ekiti Kwara - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ibadan Province)

Tuesday 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.

Schools - for all governors and professionals supporting our schools, we give thanks for their willingness to give time and of themselves in support of our children

World Church - The Diocese of Ekiti Oke - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ondo Province)

Wednesday 1st September

Schools - for the DBE, for Andrew Towner Chair, Vanessa O’Dea as Director and Charlotte Tudway as Deputy Director

World Church - The Diocese of Ekiti West – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ondo Province)

Bishop James - Interviews with those to be deaconed on Saturday

Thursday 2nd September

Schools - for families of children at our schools, for the support parents give to staff and for the community of our church schools

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

Bishop James - Attending Junior Evangelical Conference

Friday 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.

Schools - for the work of the National Society, for its chair Nigel Genders and their support of the diocesan boards of education

World Church - The Diocese of Port Elizabeth – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Bishop James - Attending online seminar with Palestinian Christians

Saturday 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.

Schools - for all volunteers who support local schools, through working in classes, fund raising and providing local meals for children

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

Bishop James - Ordination of Deacons at the Cathedral

Week Thirty Five – Theme: Harvest Appeal
Sunday 5th September – 14th Sunday after Trinity

Harvest – for the Bishop’s Harvest Appeal and all who are being helped in the DRC and Palestine. We give thanks for last year’s appeal and the support of these important projects. We pray for today’s launch of this year’s appeal.

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 – Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

Bishop James - Attending Kent Estuary Mission Community Celebration

Monday 6th September

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

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

Bishop James - Bishop's Leadership Team at Bishop's House Keswick

Tuesday 7th September

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

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

Wednesday 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 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 - The Diocese of Enugu North – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Enugu Province)

Thursday 9th 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 - The Diocese of Esan – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Bendel Province)

Friday 10th September

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

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

Saturday 11th September

Harvest – for the Partnership in World Mission Group, for Bishop Peter in his charring, for the members and for the Rev’d Philip Dorling as WDO.

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

Week Thirty Six – Derwent Deanery

Sunday 12th September – 15th Sunday after Trinity

Deanery – pray for the Binsey, Grasmoor and Keswick Mission Communities, for all denominations and leaders.

Coronavirus – for those in hospital at this time, those caring for them and all who are pioneering new treatments for 'long Covid'

Vision - pray that we might tread gently and show our care for God's creation and be faithful stewards of his world

World Church - The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Monday 13th September

St John Chrysostom

One of the four Greek Fathers of the Christian Church. One of the most influential preachers of the fourth century church, his sermons are still available to read. His clear and concise message of living out our daily discipleship resulted in his name 'the golden mouth'.

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

World Church - The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe – The Episcopal Church (II (2) Province)

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

World Church - The Diocese in Europe –
The Church of England (Canterbury Province)

Wednesday 15th September

St Cyprian

Third century Bishop of Carthage, who was known for the way he opposed various heresies. During his episcopate, many died due 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 – for all those working with young people, for Messy Church and for the deanery NYC

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

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

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

Bishop James - Online Bishop's Council

Friday 17th September

St Hildegard

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

World Church - The Diocese of Ezo – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Western Equatoria Province)

Bishop James - Diocesan Steering Committee

Saturday 18th September

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

World Church - The Diocese of Faisalabad – The (united) Church of Pakistan

Bishop James - Reader's AGM and tea at Bishop's House, Keswick

Week Thirty Seven – South Lakes MC
Sunday 19th September – 16th Sunday after Trinity

Deanery - St. Martin Bowness, St. Anne Ings, St. Cuthbert Kentmere, St. James Staveley, Jesus Church Troutbeck, Carver Uniting Church Windermere, St. Mary Windermere, Windermere Methodist

Coronavirus - for those in nursing homes, their relatives and friends, for all staff and for their long term care during the pandemic

Vision - pray that we might learn to follow daily as the disciples of Jesus and to live our lives attentive to his words

World Church - The Church of the Province of Uganda

Monday 20th September

Deanery - Ministers: Martyn Coe, Lis Mullen, Maggie Patchett, Jo Rand, James Richards, Shanthi Thompson. Lay Ministers: Christopher Bradbury, Ian Durrell. Lay worship leaders across the Mission Community

World Church - The Parish of the Falkland Islands – Extra Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury

Bishop James – College of Bishops

Tuesday 21st September

St Matthew the Apostle

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.

Deanery - Church children's work and SOUL youth group School assemblies, lunch clubs, Messy Church, toddler groups and services, Holiday Club. Chris Mason – Network Youth Minister and local volunteers.

World Church - The Diocese of False Bay – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Bishop James – College of Bishops

Wednesday 22nd September

Deanery - Home visits and home communions, social gatherings, Mother's Union care and contact

World Church - The Diocese of Fianarantsoa – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Bishop James – College of Bishops

Thursday 23rd September

Deanery - Plans for communion in the community and new congregations, Soup and Story lunches, Quiet Space and Time for Contemplation

World Church - The Diocese of Florida – The Episcopal Church (IV (4) Province)

Friday 24th September

Deanery - Pray for boldness in faith to step out in the name of Christ and courage to invite others into his presence

World Church - The Diocese of Central Florida – The Episcopal Church (IV (4) Province)

Saturday 25th September

Bishop 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.

Deanery - Plan as we formalise our Mission Community and find ways to work together for the building of God's Kingdom.

World Church - The Diocese of Southeast Florida – The Episcopal Church (IV (4) Province)

Week Thirty Eight – Furness MC

Sunday 26th September – 17th Sunday after Trinity

Deanery - The churches of Furness Mission Community cover towns (Ulverston, Dalton and Millom) and rural villages: may we be salt and light for the communities we serve.

Coronavirus – for those working from home, for the difficulties faced by many in seeking to maintain a balance between their working and home lives, for the anxiety that many face at this time

Vision - pray that we might care deeply, for the work of CTiC in many areas of social justice and giving thanks for the new Anna Chaplains and their work on behalf of those suffering from dementia

World Church - The Episcopal Church

Bishop James - Licensing of Cathy Helm at Dacre

Monday 27th September

St Vincent de Paul

Vincent de Paul was a seventeenth century French Roman Catholic priest who was well known for his care of the poorest. In 1617 he founded a community to care for those in need. The Society of St Vincent de Paul was created following his death in 1660 which now works as a lay community in over 150 countries providing local practical help to those in need.

Deanery - pray for people with passion and gifts to be identified and involved so that the MC engages the whole people of God, not just the church leaders.

World Church - The Diocese of Southwest Florida –
The Episcopal Church (IV (4) Province)

Bishop James - Bishop's Leadership Team at Bishop's
House Keswick

Tuesday 28th September

Deanery - Pray for our NYC Minister, Ruth Hutchings, as we resume in-person activities for young people, and that our work with Children and Families may continue strongly whilst Hannah Fishwick is on maternity leave.

World Church - The Diocese of Fond du Lac –
The Episcopal Church (V (5) Province)

Bishop James - Attending Archbishops' Commission on
Social Care

Wednesday 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 Pentecost 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 - Thank God for the work of Dementia Enablers and the Anna Chaplaincy, and for Lucie Lunn as she helps to co-ordinate this. Please pray that we are effective in reaching and helping the marginalised.

World Church - The Diocese of Fredericton –
The Anglican Church of Canada (Canada Province)

Thursday 30th September

St Jerome

Jerome was born in modern Slovenia, he was a scholar who converted to Christianity following 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 - Pray for the flourishing of Bikers Breakfast at Torver, Messy Church in Ulverston, Network Youth Church, and for all our churches to be creative and outward looking.

World Church - The Diocese of Free State – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Friday 1st October

Anthony Ashley Cooper

The Seventh Earl of Shaftesbury was a leading social reformer of the Victorian Church. He was a leading advocate of reforming the care for the mentally 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 - pray for an openness to change and that we are able to engender a common vision and to communicate this clearly and convincingly across a wide and varied area.

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

Saturday 2nd October

Deanery - Pray that we will find a way of being church which embraces traditional and innovative forms, and is well adapted to both in person and digital ways of meeting and worshipping.

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

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**