Cumbria Prayer Diary



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

*Northern Argentina, Stavanger and Zululand*

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**At the end of the prayer diary are three prayers for: Peace in Ukraine, Pandemic Prayer and Vision Prayer.**

**Week Twelve Theme – Penrith Deanery**

**Sunday 27th March – Lent 4, Mothering Sunday**

*Deanery –* for the whole Penrith Mission Area and the Ullswater, Blencathra, East of Eden and Penrith Mission Communities working together across this district.

*Coronavirus –* for those who continue to live in fear of Covid, for those suffering mental health issues and all who continue to be anxious.

*Vision –* pray for the Zero-Carbon working group and for the plans to enable the diocese and our fellow denominations to achieve the ambitious targets by 2030

*World Church* - The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

*Bishop James* – for Bishop James as he concludes the Lent Walk in the Carlisle this week.

**Monday 28th March**

*Deanery* - for Rev David Sargent (Rural Dean) and Bryan Gray (Lay Chair), Tim Cook & Dave Milner (Methodist Superintendents) and the Mission Community Leaders: David Sargent, Dave Milner, Tim Cook, Martin Walker & Katharine Butterfield.

*World Church* - The Diocese of Kobe – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

**Tuesday 29th March**

*Deanery* - for Chenda Nuttall and all developing outreach among families in Penrith and area. For the team at The Gathering and the IGNITE Penrith Network Youth Church following the sudden death of NYC leader Carl Mimmack

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

**Wednesday 30th March**

*Deanery -* for the new Churches Together in Penrith initiative ‘Linking Lives’ responding to the increased difficulties of isolation and loneliness. For the work of the Salvation Army in Penrith.

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

*Bishop James –* give thanks for the Lent Walk which concludes today

**Thursday 31st March**

*Deanery -* for Rev Beth Honey’s work with RESTORE Penrith & Morgan Tebb-Roger (Pioneer Minister at Penrith Methodist Church)

*World Church -* The Diocese of Kollam - Kottarakkara – The (united) Church of South India

*Bishop James* – Bishop’s Leadership Team meeting

**Friday 1st April**

*Deanery* - for those fragile church communities struggling to find the people to enable ministry to continue.

*World Church* - The Diocese of Kondoa – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

*Bishop James* – for the interviews for a new Bishop of Penrith, for the gift of discernment among the panel and that the right person might be appointed who will have a love for the county and a care for the churches of the diocese.

**Saturday 2nd April**

*Deanery -* for the long-term development of St Andrew’s, Penrith as a town-centre asset to the whole district. For fresh forms of worshipping communities to be developed in response to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

*World Church* - The Diocese of Kongor – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan *(Jonglei Province)*

**Week Thirteen Theme – Brampton Deanery**

**Sunday 3rd April – Lent 5 Passion Sunday**

*Deanery* – pray for theEden Wild Goose,

Irthing, Gelt and Eden and the Borders Mission Communities

*Coronavirus –* for the continuing challenge posed by the virus and the need to be vigilant in keeping each other safe

*Vision –* for the importance of Caring Deeply, especially for all those facing severe financial pressures

*World Church* - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

*Bishop James* – Confirmation and Parish Lunch at Wreay Church

**Monday 4th April**

*Deanery* – for Rural Dean, Edward Johnsen and the Deanery Standing Committee. Deanery Lay Chair – please pray for them as they seek to fill this vacancy

*World Church* – The Diocese of Kontagora – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) *(Lokoja Province)*

*Bishop James –* meeting of Diocesan Bishops of the Northern Province with the Archbishop of York

**Tuesday 5th April**

*Deanery* – for Ruth Hutchinson the NYC Leader, and for NYC ministry following the pandemic. For all ministry in primary schools and in William Howard School. For the youth work at Scotby Church.

*World Church* - The Diocese of Kootenay – The Anglican Church of Canada *(BC and Yukon Province)*

**Wednesday 6th April**

*Deanery -* for building on the ‘Souper’ Tuesdays at Gilsland Village Hall. For Jane Routledge in her new ministry as Anna Chaplain at Rockcliffe and Blackford. For Brampton’s Pastoral Care Group.

*World Church -* The Diocese of Eastern Kowloon – Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

**Thursday7th April**

*Deanery* - for the development of prayer opportunities in the activities run by Eden Wild Goose MC. For the Community Choirs that are connected with the Wild Goose MC and with Talkin Church and Hayton Church.

*World Church –* The Diocese of Western Kowloon – Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

*Bishop James –* attending the Northern Church Leaders Retreat

**Friday 8th April**

*Deanery* - for a renewal of confidence in meeting

together as we come out of the pandemic. For a greater awareness in people that they need fullness of life, and for our churches to get better at offering this.

*World Church* - The Diocese of Krishna-Godavari – The (united) Church of South India

**Saturday 9th April**

**Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

Dietrich Bonhoeffer founded the Confessing Church in Germany in 1933, which was an underground church outlawed by the Nazis. Bonhoeffer is regarded by many as the most influential theologian of the twentieth century, in his letters from prison he foresaw the future church as embodying a new form of monasticism. His legacy is found in many different forms of prayer communities across the world.

*Deanery -* for the Mission Communities in the Deanery – the discernment of vision and the growth of ownership among congregations. For the development of the Borders MC.

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

**Week Fourteen Theme – Holy Week**

**Sunday 10th April – 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, 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. The Church of North India (United)

*Bishop James –* Confirmation Service at St Andrew’s Mirehouse

**Holy Monday 11th April**

*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 Kuching – The Church of the Province of South East Asia

**Holy Tuesday 12th April**

*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 Kumasi – The Church of the Province of West Africa *(Ghana Province)*

**Holy Wednesday 13th April**

*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 Kumi – The Church of the Province of Uganda

**Maundy Thursday 14th 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 Kurunegala – Extra Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury *(The Church of Ceylon)*

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

**Good Friday 15th 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 Kushtia – The (united) Church of Bangladesh

**Holy Saturday 16th 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 Kutigi – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) *(Lokoja Province)*

**Week Fifteen Theme – Easter**

**Sunday 17th 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 the impact upon this generation’s development and opportunities, we pray for their well being

*Vision -* Pray for that our vision might be renewed, that we might have ears to hear and eyes to see all that God is doing in our world

*World Church* - Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. The Church of Pakistan (United)

*Bishop James –* preaching at the Cathedral.

**Easter Monday 18th April**

*Easter* – for the vocation to be Christ’s disciples among all Christians in Cumbria, and to walk his risen life

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

**Easter Tuesday 19th April**

*Easter –* for our children and young people that all may know the Easter story, and value the message of new life in their lives

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

**Easter Wednesday 20th April**

*Easter –* for those who are elderly in our congregations, giving thanks for a lifetime witness to the resurrection and Gospel message of love

*World Church -* The Diocese of Kyoto – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

**Easter Thursday 21st April**

*Easter –* for vocations as missionaries and pioneers, to reach a new generation with the call of the gospel

*World Church -* The Diocese of Kyushu – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

**Easter Friday 22nd April**

*Easter* – for vocations to the ordained and religious life, for young people to be called into the service of the church and nation

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

**Easter Saturday 23rd April**

**St George**

St George was adopted as patron saint of England by Edward III. As a saint, he became the focus of devotion among many Crusaders, who adopted his badge on their shields and tabards, of a red cross on a white background.

*Easter* – for the renewal of the church and faith in our country, for a renewed love of the Gospel and for a refreshed vision of our nation’s life

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

**Week Sixteen Theme – Central Lakes MC**

**Sunday 24th April – Low Sunday**

*MC –* for reverence and warmth in our Sunday worship and mid-week study gatherings (whether “in-person” or online). For Rydal Hall, Amanda Fogg (its Manager), the Board and members of the Community.

*Coronavirus –* for those who been forgotten in the pandemic, for those who are depressed and disillusioned, for all those without hope

*Vision -* pray that during these forty Great Days of Easter, our discipleship may be renewed that we may follow Jesus daily

*World Church* - The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

**Monday 25th 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.

*MC* – for wise and brave leadership within the CofE, Methodism, the Baptist Movement and all our sister churches/denominations.

*World Church -* The Diocese of Lagos Mainland – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) *(Lagos Province)*

**Tuesday 26th April**

*MC –* please pray for the work in our local church schools, for those who lead Assemblies and teach RE lessons and for our wonderful Foundation Governors

*World Church -* The Diocese of Lagos West – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) *(Lagos Province)*

**Wednesday 27th April**

**Christina Rossetti**

Christina Rossetti was a member of the Pre-Raphaelite 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.

*MC –* forBrathay Coffee Morning. For sensitive and encouraging visiting of all who are sick and the regular offer of Home/Hospital Communion to all unable to attend church

*World Church –* The Diocese of Lahore – The (united) Church of Pakistan

*Bishop James –* attending the North-West Bishops meeting

**Thursday 28th April**

*MC –* Monday Meet up at St. Mary’s Church.

Meditation with Friends and Fellowship Meeting online. For the Rydal Taize prayer service.

*World Church -* The Diocese of Lainya – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan*(Cantral Equatoria Province)*

**Friday 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

*MC –* communities weakened by lack of affordable housing meaning our young people cannot afford to live here. Churches that lack a mixture of age ranges to participate

*World Church –* The Diocese on the Lake – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) *(Owerri Province)*

*Bishop James* – Chairing the interviews at Eskdale

**Saturday 30th April**

*MC* – how to take the best of what we have learnt during the pandemic into our Christian Community Life

*World Church –* The Diocese of Lango – The Church of the Province of Uganda

*Bishop James* – attending the annual national Deacons conference

**Week Seventeen Theme – Barrow Mission Community**

**Sunday 1st May – Easter 3**

*MC –* 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, Salvation Army

*Coronavirus –* for our local medical professionals, for all who nurse in the community, for MacMillan and Marie Curie nurseries, our local GPs and carers

*Vision -* Pray for all in our local community who care for someone else, the practical acts of kindness and generosity and love

*World Church* - ***Philip and James, Apostles***

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

**Monday 2nd 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.

*MC -* pray for us as we seek to develop a sustainable and strategic leadership rhythm, with clergy and ministry staff meeting for encouragement, prayer and discussion, and working closely with a wider lay group. Pray for those who are new to their roles to settle in well.

*World Church -* The Diocese of West Lango – The Church of the Province of Uganda

**Tuesday 3rd May**

*MC* –pray for Andy Ward, NYC minister, as he works with others to launch a Youth Alpha. Pray for ‘Who Let The Dads Out?’ at St Paul’s Church. Pray for our ‘Open The Book’ teams who work with 15 schools - pray for new team members.

*World Church –* The Diocese of Langtang – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) *(Jos Province)*

*Bishop James –* attending the Bishop Leadership Team residential at Rydal Hall

**Wednesday 4th May**

*MC -* give thanks for various chaplaincy opportunities, including at Barrow Raiders and developing opportunities at BAE Systems. Give thanks for Anna Chaplaincy, which serves older people.

*World Church -* The Diocese of Lebombo – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

*Bishop James –* attending the Bishop Leadership Team residential at Rydal Hall

**Thursday 5th May**

*MC -* pray for Opa Geibel, newly appointed Barrow Pioneer Enabler, as together we seek to grow disciples of Jesus in Barrow in the 16-30s demographic.

*World Church -* The Diocese of Leeds – The Church of England *(York Province)*

*Bishop James –* attending the Bishop Leadership Team residential at Rydal Hall

**Friday 6th May**

*MC -* pray for a way forward as we discern an administrative structure for our churches that doesn’t overwhelm smaller congregations but frees people up for ministry and mission.

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

**Saturday 7th May**

*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 Lesotho – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

**Prayer for Peace in Ukraine**

Lord Jesus you are the Prince of Peace,

look upon our divided world

to be with those who are victims of violence.

We pray for the people of Ukraine

and all who have been subjected to the cruelty of others.

Help us to know the gift of your peace

in the power of your Spirit and

we ask you to soften the hearts

of those who can stop the fighting.

Creator God we ask for your aid as your children of light

living in the darkness of our world. **Amen**

**Pandemic Prayer**

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**

**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**