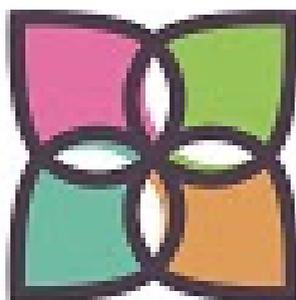


Cumbria Prayer Diary



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April 2022

*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 Kondoia – 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 the Eden 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

Thursday 7th 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 – for Brathay 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 (*Central
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**