

Cumbria Prayer Diary



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May 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 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

English Saints of the Reformation – *today we remember all those who lost their lives on all sides of the Reformation and repent of our disunity as a church.*

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

**Week Eighteen Theme – Beacon Mission
Community
Sunday 8th May – Easter 4**

Julian of Norwich - *Julian of Norwich was an English anchoress and an important Christian mystic and theologian. Her Revelations of Divine Love, written around 1395, is the first book in the English language known to have been written by a woman. Julian was also known as a spiritual authority within her community, where she also served as a counsellor and advisor.*

MC – St Oswald, Burneside with St Mary Longsleddale; St John the Evangelist, Grayrigg; St George, Kendal; St John the Baptist, Skelsmergh; St Thomas, Selside

Coronavirus – for our local health officials and those who continue to monitor the effects of the pandemic

Vision – for the care of our local environment and for our stewardship of God's creation

World Church - Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Monday 9th May

MC – Please pray for our Churchwardens, Worship Leaders, Lay Reader, Priest in Charge Rev Tricia Rogers and supporting clergy and for all those considering vocations as we seek to consolidate and grow our Mission Community.

PiWM – for the diocesan visit to our link diocese of Stavanger, for Bishop Anne Lise and our links with the Norwegian Lutheran Church

World Church – The Diocese of Lexington – The Episcopal Church (*IV (4) Province*)

Bishop James – attending the House of Bishops in York

Tuesday 10th May

MC – please pray for the Grayrigg Ladybirds, their leaders and children, that together they may learn more about Jesus. For our three Church schools, Burneside, Grayrigg and Selside and their Headteachers.

World Church – The Diocese of Liberia – The Church of the Province of West Africa (*West Africa Province*)

Wednesday 11th May

MC – please pray for our weekly St George's Community Hub, and the soup lunches at St Oswald's Burneside. That those who join us for lunch may find a listening ear and learn more of the love of God and His purpose for their lives.

PiWM – for Andy Smith and his visit to the Norwegian Mission Society, for the NMS chair Helga Gard

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

Thursday 12th May

Gregory Dix – *Abbot of Nashdom and inspiration of the Parish Communion movement, he is widely credited with the Holy Communion becoming the main Sunday service in the Church of England from the 1950s.*

MC – please pray for the Alpha course, starting on April 27th, run jointly with Kendal Methodists. That all those attending may find a deepening of faith. Also, that the St George's Community Hub may develop and grow into a worshipping community.

PiWM – for the diocesan pilgrimage at Jaeran with the Stavanger pilgrimage group

World Church - The Diocese of Limerick & Killaloe – The Church of Ireland (*Dublin Province*)

Friday 13th May

MC – please pray that we may look to see where God is already working in our communities and be eager to join in with His work. That we may be less centred on individual church buildings but look to see how we can share together as a Mission Community.

PiWM – for the meeting of the Bishop, Area Deans and Diocesan Council with the visit of the diocesan team in Stavanger

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

Saturday 14th May

St Matthias the Apostle - after the death of Judas, the disciples elected another to make up The Twelve, after prayer and drawing lots, Matthias was elected (Acts 1.21-26).

MC - please pray for all those starting the Pastoral Visitor Training course. That we may be able to reach more members of our communities who are lonely or who are in need.

World Church – The Diocese of Litoral Ecuador – The Episcopal Church (IX (9) Province)

Bishop James – attending the Carlisle Cathedral Council

Week Nineteen Theme – Christian Aid Week Sunday 15th May – Easter 5

Christian Aid – pray for all who are preaching for Christian Aid Week today

Coronavirus – for all those suffering from the effects of the pandemic worldwide and for the limited health care resources in many parts of the world

Vision – that we might follow daily as Christ's disciples and seek to support our sisters and brothers through Christian Aid

World Church – The Scottish Episcopal Church

Bishop James – installing new Lay Canons in the Cathedral

Monday 16th May

Christian Aid – pray for God’s blessing on all Christian Aid Week envelopes – that they may be filled!

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

Bishop James – for the Bishop’s Leadership Team meeting at Bishop’s House Keswick

Tuesday 17th May

Christian Aid – pray for all who will walk to raise funds for Christian Aid Week

World Church – The Diocese of Liwolo – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (*Central Equatoria Province*)

Wednesday 18th May

Christian Aid - pray that the Christian Aid Week devotional will encourage many

World Church – The Diocese of Llandaff – The Church in Wales

Bishop James – attending the DBF

Thursday 19th May

St Dunstan - (909 – 19 May 988) was an English bishop. He was successively Abbot of Glastonbury Abbey, Bishop of Worcester, Bishop of London and Archbishop of Canterbury, later canonised as a saint. His work restored monastic life in England and reformed the English Church.

Christian Aid - pray for success and fun at all Christian Aid Week events

World Church - The Missionary Diocese of Lodwar – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Friday 20th May

St Alcuin – also called *Ealhwine, Alhwin or Alchoin* – was an English scholar, clergyman, poet and teacher from York, Northumbria. At the invitation of Charlemagne, he became a leading scholar and teacher at the Carolingian court, where he remained a figure in the 780s and '90s.

Christian Aid - pray that the Christian Aid Week story will inspire many to give

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

Saturday 21st May

St Helena – the mother of Emperor Constantine the Great, his mother Helena was secretly a Christian and after the Edict of Milan in 313 AD travelled widely to

locate the holy sites mentioned in the books of the New Testament. Helena identified the place of Jesus' death and resurrection and began the construction of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

Christian Aid - pray for wisdom and clarity for all who will work in the Christian Aid Week help centre

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

Bishop James – attending Cumbria Rural Choirs Festival at the Cathedral

**Week Twenty – Partnership in World Mission and Thy Kingdom Come
Sunday 22nd May – Easter 6**

PiWM – for the projects being supported by the Bishop's Harvest Appeal, for Bishop Peter in chairing the PIWM group and all its members

Coronavirus – for the worldwide vaccination programme for the work of WHO and all UN agencies is tackling the pandemic

Vision – for the preparations for Thy Kingdom Come, and for those who we pray for at this time in a local community to know Jesus in their lives and to come to faith

World Church - Church of the Province of South East Asia

Monday 23rd May

PiWM – for our local Christian Aid representatives in the county and Tim Burdon in his co-ordinating role

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

Tuesday 24th May

John and Charles Wesley – *are best remembered as the founders of worldwide Methodist church, despite both remaining members of the Church of England throughout their lives. On this day in 1745 they attended St Aldgate's Church, and during the service were inspired and motivated to begin their mission within England.*

PiWM – for our three link dioceses of North Argentina, Stavanger and Zululand, their link chairs and groups

World Church – The Diocese of Long Island – The Episcopal Church (*II (2) Province*)

Wednesday 25th May

The Venerable Bede - *Bede, also known as Saint Bede, Venerable Bede, and Bede the Venerable, was an English monk at the monastery of Jarrow. Bede completed some 40 works in his busy life, none more important than History of the English Church.*

PiWM - for the missionary organisations CMS, Mothers' Union and USPG, for our diocesan representatives and all the parishes that support of these organisations

World Church - The Diocese of Los Angeles – The Episcopal Church (*VIII (8) Province*)

Thursday 26th May - Thy Kingdom Come

Ascension Day - *the fourth holiest day in the Church's Year, the celebration of 'Jesus the man' going to be with God. This festival completes Christmas, God who comes to live a human life now brings his humanity back into the Trinity.*

St Augustine of Canterbury - *Pope Gregory sent him on a mission to evangelise the Anglo-Saxons. After a dramatic meeting in 597 on the Isle of Thanet, King Ethelbert of Kent gave the monks an old Roman church in Canterbury.*

Thy Kingdom Come – for this year's programme of prayer, for Andrea and Pete Ward in their co-ordination of this year's prayer resources

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

Friday 27th May

Thy Kingdom Come – for prayers taking place locally and those encouraging prayers in our community

World Church - The Diocese of Western Louisiana – The Episcopal Church (*VII (7) Province*)

Saturday 28th May

Thy Kingdom Come – for those who are being prayed for at this time and for all who are being drawn close to the faith and God's Kingdom

World Church – The Diocese of Luapula – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Week Twenty One – The Queen's Platinum Jubilee and Thy Kingdom Come Sunday 29th May – Ascension Sunday

Prayer for Thy Kingdom Come

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**

Thy Kingdom Come - that the Church may be one in serving and proclaiming the gospel, we pray: **Your kingdom come.**

Coronavirus – for the Commonwealth and the many nations badly affected by the pandemic

Vision – giving thanks for the example of faith shown by Her Majesty the Queen and for her years of faithful service

World Church - The Church of South India

Monday 30th May

Josephine Butler – *(13 April 1828 – 30 December 1906) was an English social reformer in the Victorian era. She campaigned for women's suffrage, the right of women to better education, the abolition of child prostitution, and an end to human trafficking of young women and children into prostitution.*

Thy Kingdom Come - that the Church may be generous in giving, faithful in serving, bold in proclaiming, we pray:
Your kingdom come.

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

Tuesday 31st May

The Visitation - *the story of the visitation by Mary to her cousin Elizabeth is the first account of Mary's child being recognised as the Christ. (Luke 1:39-56)*

Thy Kingdom Come - that the Church may welcome and support all whom God calls to faith, we pray:
Your kingdom come.

World Church – The Diocese of Lui – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Amadi Province)

Wednesday 1st June

Justin Martyr

Thy Kingdom Come - that we may be bold to speak the word of God while you stretch out your hand to save, we pray: **Your kingdom come.**

World Church - The Diocese of Lusaka – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Thursday 2nd June

Celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Jubilee – for the celebration of the seventy years of Her Majesty the Queen's reign as Head of State, giving thanks for all she has given to the life of our nation

Thy Kingdom Come - that all who serve the gospel may be kept in safety while your word accomplishes its purpose, we pray: **Your kingdom come.**

World Church - The Lusitanian Church – Extra Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury

Friday 3rd June

Jubilee – for the local celebrations of the Platinum Jubilee, for all street parties and parades

Thy Kingdom Come - that all who suffer for the gospel may know the comfort and glory of Christ, we pray: **Your kingdom come.**

World Church – The Diocese of Luweero – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Bishop James – attending the National Thanksgiving Service at St Paul's Cathedral

Saturday 4th June

St Petroc - *The earliest Life of Petroc states that he was the son of an unnamed Welsh king. He made a pilgrimage to Rome, returning to Cornwall to a monastery which he was himself the founder, at a place since called Petrocs-Stow, now Padstow.*

Jubilee – for the events taking place this weekend to mark the platinum Jubilee and for the celebrations across the Commonwealth

Thy Kingdom Come - That the day may come when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, we pray: **Your kingdom come.**

World Church – The Diocese of Northern Luzon – Philippines

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**