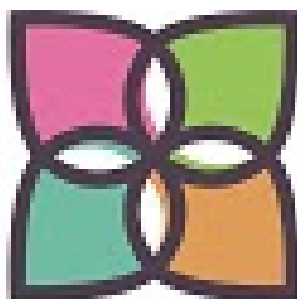


Cumbria Prayer Diary



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Speak Boldly **Tread Gently**

February 2023

*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 prayers for Peace in Ukraine and the Vision Prayer.

Prayers for 2023

Prayer requests are invited for 2023. If you would like to a prayer on a special day next year please send me you request by the 16th of the preceding month to:

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Week Five Theme – Carlisle Deanery
Sunday 29th January - Candlemas

Deanery - Pray for the Mission Communities across the Deanery: Carlisle Rural, The Two Rivers Mission Community, Carlisle South, Heart of the Centre; and Carlisle West

Diocese – for the ongoing pressure on the NHS especially remembering the hospitals in the county and all frontline medical staff in caring for those suffering for our hospital and hospice chaplains.

God for All – for the work of the God for All Church leaders' Strategy Group and the Operations Group,

World Church - The United Church of Pakistan

Bishops – Bishop James leading Binsey Team service and Bishop Rob at St Mary's Dalton

Monday 30th January

Deanery - Pray for the Rural Dean, Revd Simon Bickersteth, Assistant Rural Dean, Revd Eileen Reid, and Lay Chair, Rob Cook.

World Church – The Diocese of Patna, United Church of North India

Bishops – Bishop James attending the House of Bishops

Tuesday 31st January

Deanery - Pray for engagement with children, families and youth across Carlisle Deanery, particularly those who have little or no connection with the Christian faith.

World Church - The Diocese of Sao Paulo – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

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

Wednesday 1st February

Deanery - Pray for the work of the Restore network of shops in Carlisle, and their Pioneer Minister Chris Harwood

World Church - The Diocese of Pelotas – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

Thursday 2nd February

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

The Feast of the Presentation which is commonly known as 'Candlemas', marks the end of the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany seasons. From today the church begins to look forward to Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

Deanery - Pray for the future of Network Youth Church across Carlisle Deanery, and decisions need to be made regarding the future of Network Youth Church in Carlisle.

World Church - The Diocese of Pennsylvania - ECUSA

Friday 3rd February

Deanery - Pray for an openness to the Holy Spirit, and a renewed sense of hope, as the church emerges out of the pandemic. Pray for a humbler, bolder, simpler church.

World Church - The Diocese of Central Pennsylvania - ECUSA

Saturday 4th February

Deanery - Pray for the parishes of St Luke's and St Barnabas, which are now in vacancy, and the important decisions that need to be made regarding their future,

World Church - The Diocese of North-western Pennsylvania - ECUSA

Week Six Theme – South Calder MC
Sunday 5th February – Third Sunday before Lent

Deanery – Pray for St John’s Beckermeth, St Bridget’s Beckermeth, Ponsonby (Calder Bridge), St Cuthbert’s Seascale, Seascale Methodists, St Mary’s Gosforth, Gosforth Methodists, St Michael and All Angels Nether Wasdale, St Olaf’s Wasdale Head, St Peter’s Drigg, St Paul’s Irton, St Bega’s Eskdale, St Catherine’s Eskdale, St Michael and All Angels Muncaster, St John’s Waberthwaite, St John’s Corney, St Michael and All Angels Bootle, St Mary’s Whitbeck, St Mary’s Whicham

God for All – we give thanks for the fourfold programme: follow daily; care deeply; speak boldly; and tread gently. We pray that we might engage in these mission imperatives and develop our local mission together.

Diocese – for the Bishop’s Council and Diocesan Synod, for the diocesan staff and for decisions to be made about the future, asking for the gift of discernment

World Church - The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

Bishops – Bishop James collating new lay canons at the cathedral and Bishop Rob at St Paul’s, Pooley Bridge

Monday 6th February

Deanery - Clergy: The Revd Philip Dorling, The Revd Jonathan Falkner, The Revd Robert Bracegirdle, The Revd Wendy Bracegirdle and The Revd Gavin Walker. Readers: Sheila Falkner, Brian Pateman, Dorothy Chatterly, David Rudd and Rosalind Amey

Lay people: Pray for the wonderful people in the MC, so many so willing.

World Church - The Territory of the People – The Anglican Church of Canada

Bishops – Bishop James at General Synod

Tuesday 7th February

Deanery – Pray for Shackles Off. Messy Church in Seascale, Children’s church in Gosforth, St Peter’s Church Drigg Children’s work, Gosforth Toddlers.

World Church - The Diocese of Perth – The Anglican Church of Australia

Bishops – Bishop James at General Synod

Wednesday 8th February

Deanery – Pray for Gosforth Coffee Morning and Seascale Coffee Morning

World Church - The Diocese of Peru – The Anglican Church of South America

Bishops – Bishop James at General Synod

Thursday 9th February

Deanery - Prayer for the Mission Community as it forms.

World Church - The Diocese of Peshawar – United Church of Pakistan

Bishops – Bishop James at General Synod

Friday 10th February

Scholastica

The twin sister of Benedict of Nursia. The Benedictine order remembers her today in her own right and her influence upon the church and the dedication of many leading women to the life of prayer.

Deanery - For wise use of time and energy

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

Bishop James – General Synod in London

Saturday 11th February

Deanery - The formation of a vision for our community.

World Church - The Diocese of Central Philippines

Week Seven Theme – Appleby Deanery
Sunday 12th February – Second Sunday before Lent

Deanery - Heart of Westmorland MC; 32 CofE churches; 15 Methodist Chapels; also RC, Baptist and Evangelical churches

God for All - Pray for Discipleship Project, for the leaders and all those taking part

Diocese – for the Diocesan Director of Education, Charlotte Tudway, for the members of the Diocesan Board of Education and Andrew Towner as Chair

World Church - The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Bishops – Bishop Rob at St Aidan’s Carlisle

Monday 13th February

Deanery - Lay chair – Sue Wigley; PCC lay chairs and churchwardens; Interim Rural Dean – Stephen Tudway;; Methodist Ministers – Stephen Radford, Andrew Sterling; Vacancies for stipendiary clergy; Pioneer Clergy – Dan & Kristy Pattimore; Associate Priest – Sheila Clark and Curates - Fran Parkinson and Andrew Burrell

World Church - The Diocese of North Central Philippines

Tuesday 14th February

Deanery - Messy Church – Appleby (The Sands), Morland, Temple Sowerby (development and new explorations 2022). Network Youth Church – links with Kirkby Stephen Grammar school, clubs and events across the Deanery.

World Church - The Diocese of Northern Philippines

Wednesday 15th February

Thomas Bray

Thomas Bray founded the SPG in 1698, which is now known as the USPG, and pioneered mission in Maryland in the USA. Today we give thanks for the USPG together with CMS and the history of missionaries traveling to many parts of the world.

Deanery - Ministry of baptisms, weddings and funerals; Localised village projects including village halls; Renew Wellbeing Cafes – Appleby, Kirkby Thore; Upper Eden Foodbank; Outreach to carers and those with dementia; Bereavement groups

World Church - The Diocese of Southern Philippines

Thursday 16th February

Deanery - Organic church; Outdoor Church (started in Appleby); Monthly Filling Station; Working alongside national Chaplains for the Appleby Horse Fair (9-12 June 2022)

World Church - The Diocese of Phulbani – United Church of North India

Bishops – Bishops James and Rob at the God for All Strategy Group meeting

Friday 17th February

Deanery - The challenge to reach beyond the traditional and explore alternatives suited to each of our dispersed communities. Need to focus on collaboration in Appleby and Kirkby Stephen, including Churches Together

World Church - The Diocese of Pittsburgh - ECUSA

Bishops – Bishop James on a visit to the diocese of Queensland as part of the Archbishops' Commission on Social Care until 27th February

Saturday 18th February

Deanery - Clarity in partnership between established churches with our pioneers and youth workers. The appointment of missional leaders, both clergy and lay. Closer collaboration in work with Primary and Secondary Schools

World Church - The Diocese of Polynesia

Week Eight Theme – Lent
Sunday 19th February – Transfiguration
Sunday before Lent

Lent – for a faithful keeping of Lent, we pray that this season might be a holy time in our lives, set apart for prayer, study and acts of service to one another.

Diocese– for our all our parishes, churches and fellowship groups, for those following discipleship programme and using Lent as a time of prayer for our local community

God for All - 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 - The Anglican Church of Rwanda

Monday 20th February

Lent – for all those planning Lent courses and the encouragement of many people to take part

World Church - The Diocese of Popondota – Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

Shrove Tuesday 21st February

Lent – for a day of reflection and preparation for the coming season of Lent, traditionally a day to make a formal Confession, we pray the each of us may use this time to reflection upon our own discipleship.

World Church - The Diocese of Portsmouth – the Church of England

Ash Wednesday 22nd February

Today is one of the holiest days of the Church's Year, a day of obligation, when each of us are expected to attend to church. Traditionally a day to receive the imposition of ashes as a sign of our penitence.

Lent – we pray for forgiveness of our sins as we pray that we might forgive one another in the love of our Saviour Jesus Christ

World Church - The Diocese of Pretoria – Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Thursday 23rd February

St Polycarp

Polycarp was reputedly baptised by St Paul, he became Bishop Smyrna and was martyred for the faith. Having refused to abandon his faith, famously saying, 'I have served my Lord for these 86 years and why now should I renounce him?'

Lent – for all those who will make this season by fasting, giving up a luxury or using the discipline of self-denial to mark this time as special and dedicated to God.

World Church - The Diocese of Puerto Rico - ECUSA

Friday 24th February

Lent – for the Diocesan Lent course, and for all who will take part.

World Church - The Diocese of Pune – United Church of North India

Saturday 25th February

Lent – for all those who are studying a book for Lent, that they might be enriched in their journey of faith.

World Church - The Missionary Diocese of Pyay – Church of the Province of Myanmar

Week Nine Theme – West Carlisle MC
Sunday 26th February – First Sunday of Lent

Deanery – Pray for St John’s London Road, St Andrew’s Botcherby, St Peter’s Kingmoor, St John’s Houghton and 4LIFE. We pray to be a growing family of thriving congregations.

Diocese – Pray for all who are caring for one another through the work of local Foodbanks

God for All – for the theme of ‘care deeply’, for the work in our communities caring for those most in need

World Church - The Scottish Episcopal Church

Monday 27th February

George Herbert

Church of England priest, spiritual writer and poet lived at the beginning of the seventeenth century, of immense importance in creating Anglicanism.

Deanery - Revd Andrew Towner (MC leader) and Esther Cruse (MC administrator) and our MC Council: Bryony, Emily, Giles, Paul, Fraser

World Church – The Diocese of Qu’Appelle – Anglican Church of Canada

Tuesday 28th February

Deanery - We’re thankful to have children’s work at every service, and mid-week teens work too. We

believe that children are part of the church, and many of them serve on teams: tech, music, teaching, refreshments and welcoming.

World Church - The Diocese of Quebec – The Anglican Church of Canada

Bishop Rob – Suffragan Bishop meeting in Leicester

Wednesday 1st March

St David

Patron saint of Wales and as Dewi one of the founding saints of the church in the sixth century. As an inspiration and leader of the first churches in Wales, his faith and courage are an example to all modern Christians.

Deanery - Pray for all those phoning around people so that no-one feels forgotten or left out. Mid-week includes Lunch Club (monthly), MU, men's study, and a number of Home Groups.

World Church - The Diocese of North Queensland – The Anglican Church of Australia

Bishop Rob – Suffragan Bishop meeting in Leicester

Thursday 2nd March

St Chad

One of four brothers rescued from slavery by Aidan, Chad after his education at Lindisfarne became missionary to pagan Mercia. He converted the kingdom

establishing his first community at Lichfield in the seventh century.

Deanery - Give thanks for the outreach work developed from St Andrew's Botcherby and pray for plans to plant a new monthly outdoor congregation in Houghton in March 2022. Our mid-week (11am on Thursdays) has started well.

World Church - The Diocese of Ralwind – The United Church of Pakistan

Bishop Rob – Suffragan Bishop meeting in Leicester

Friday 3rd March

Deanery - Please pray for mutual love and forgiveness, praying against gossip and hardness of heart. Pray for the joy of the Lord to motivate, and the peace of Christ to rule. Pray Phil 4:8 which is our verse for the year.

World Church – The Diocese of Rajasthan – The (united) Church of North India

Saturday 4th March

Deanery - We pray to be a growing family of thriving congregations. Give thanks for our Associate Minister Revd Gary Tubbs, and for wisdom as a new Vicar for St John's London Rd and St Andrew's Botcherby is appointed.

World Church - The Diocese of Rayalaseema – The (united) Church of South India

Bishop Rob – Young Vocations Day at Rheged

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**

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