

Cumbria Prayer Diary



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July & August 2023

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Cumbria, together with our link dioceses of
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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: Cameron.butland@carlisle-diocese.co.uk

Week Twenty Five Theme – Heart of the City MC
Sunday 25th June – Trinity 3

Vocations – for those being made deacon and priested this week, for Peter Clements as DDO and the Vocations Team

MC – St George's URC, Salvation Army, Carlisle Methodist, Border Kirk, St Cuthbert and St Aidan, Carlisle Cathedral; with Carlisle R.C. Churches.

Vision - pray that we might speak boldly about our faith and our call to be Christ's disciples

World Church – The Church of Bangladesh

Bishops - Bishop James at a Confirmation Service at Flookburgh and Bishop Rob at St Peter's Heversham

Monday 26th June

MC – pray for Rosalind Fearon, Stephen and Mel Scoulding, David Newlove, Wes Brandon, Irene Roberts-Green, Ann Bailey, Michael Manley, Belinda Stanley and Luiz Ruscillo and a warm welcome for Revd Lisa Wilson, URC

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

Tuesday 27th June

MC – for Music and Tots, Messy Church, All-Age services and Youth Cell.

World Church – The Diocese of Trinidad & Tobago –
The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Wednesday 28th June

MC – for Dementia Teas, Homeless Breakfast, support for homeless Hostels, Refugees and the food bank. Emerging Hub for healing.

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

Bishops - Bishop James Ordination Interviews and lunch

Thursday 29th June

St Peter

Peter, and his brother Andrew, worked as fishermen on the Lake of Galilee. After sharing in the ministry, life and death of Jesus, Peter was the first to address the crowd on the day of Pentecost and undertook the first mission outside Israel to Samaria. He had the revelation that Gentiles must be received into the church as well as Jews and went on missions to Antioch, Corinth and to Rome, where he was martyred about 64 or 65AD.

MC – for All-Age alternative Sunday worship.

World Church - The Diocese of Tuam, Killala & Achonry – The Church of Ireland (*Armagh Province*)

Bishops – Bishop Rob at the Norwegian Mission Society General Assembly in Trondheim

Friday 30th June

MC – for stretched workloads of leaders and heavy responsibilities of churches.

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

Bishops - Bishop James' Charge to those being ordained as deacons and priests and Bishop Rob at the Norwegian Mission Society General Assembly in Trondheim

Saturday 1st July

MC – for unified vision and willingness to sacrifice and for more joint mission initiatives and congregations.

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

Bishops – Bishop James at ordination services and Bishop Rob at the Norwegian Mission Society General Assembly in Trondheim

Week Twenty Six Theme – National Church

Sunday 2nd July – Trinity 4

National Church - The Provinces of Canterbury and York, Archbishops Justin and Stephen, their offices and provincial staff. For the national denominations, The Church of Scotland, the Episcopal Church of Scotland and the Church in Wales.

God for All – for Fresh Expressions and the Communities of Prayer, for all those continuing to ‘meet’ online for prayer, fellowship and biblical reflection.

World Church – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

Bishops - Bishop James priesting Barbara Robinson at Loweswater and Simon Jones at Barrow-in-Furness and Bishop Rob priesting Hannah Wallace at Arnside and Rob McLellan in Kendal

Monday 3rd July

St Thomas the Apostle

Thomas as a disciple is mentioned three times in John’s gospel, and the resurrection story gives him the common ascription ‘doubting’. Thomas though is remembered in Asia as the evangelist of India. His Gospel is also regarded as holy scripture by the Orthodox churches.

National Church - for Church House Westminster, for those who support the dioceses, clergy and parishes in the Church of England.

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

Tuesday 4th July

National Church – for Bishop James in his responsibility for the Health portfolio, Brendan McCarthy the Church of England’s health adviser and for the church’s support for community social care.

World Church – The Diocese of Ughelli – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (*Bendel Province*)

Bishops - Bishop James and Bishop Rob attending the Staff Day at Church House, Penrith; hosting Curates Supper at Bishop's House Keswick

Wednesday 5th July

National Church - pray for Bishop Nick and the church's lead on the environment, pray for Richard Waller the diocesan environmental adviser.

World Church – The Diocese of Ukwa – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (*Aba Province*)

Bishop James – Bishop James preaching at the NHS Carlisle Cathedral Service

Thursday 6th July

Thomas More

Thomas More is remembered as a faithful minister who stood up to King Henry VIII. As the church remembers him today we pray for all who 'speak truth to power'. We give thanks for the example of all those who face up to ruthless and cruel leaders in our modern world.

National Church – Pray for the Council for Christian Unity, for the joint conversations between the Roman Catholic Church and Church of England, for the national ecumenical adviser.

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

Bishops - Bishop James visiting St Herbert's School Keswick

Friday 7th July

National Church - pray for Churches Together in England and in Britain and Ireland. For the Retreat Association and Association for the Promotion of Retreats, for all who encourage prayer.

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

Bishops – Bishop James at General Synod in York

Saturday 8th July

National Church - pray for General Synod meeting today, for William Nye secretary of the Synod, for our diocesan representatives and for the business discussed.

World Church - Te Pihopatanga o Upoko o Te Ika – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia (*Maori Tikanga*)

Bishops – Bishop James at General Synod in York

Week Twenty Seven Theme – Calder Deanery
Sunday 9th July – Trinity 5

Deanery – pray that the Mission Communities may work together for their communities and their mutual support for the benefit of those they are called to serve.

God for All – for the ecumenical strategy and the new MC leaders being appointed and commissioned

World Church – The Anglican Church of Burundi

Bishops - Bishop James at General Synod in York and Bishop James at St Michael and All Angels, Hawkshead

Monday 10th July

Deanery - for all who lead in Christ's name and offer prayer, presence, and direction to His pilgrim people.

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

Bishops - Bishop James at General Synod in York and Bishop Rob at the Resource Trustees Meeting in Chester

Tuesday 11th July

St Benedict

Benedict of Nursia in the seventh century wrote the first rule of life for a group of disciples. His three vows of obedience, stability and conversion of life are the pattern that is still followed by many Christians. His practice of lectio divina is used by many to read the scriptures.

Deanery - for all involved in Network Youth Church Ministry and experience in Calder Deanery and the gifts their young people bring to one another and our communities.

World Church – The Diocese of Utah – The Episcopal Church (*VIII (8) Province*)

Bishops - Bishop James at General Synod in York and Bishop Rob at the Resource Trustees Meeting in Chester

Wednesday 12th July

Deanery - for all who have had to “stop” doing what they are called to do because of COVID. That new ways of reaching out are bringing wholeness to broken people and communities.

World Church – The Diocese of Uyo – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (*Niger Delta Province*)

Bishops – Bishops James and Rob at DBF and the NW Bishops Meeting

Thursday 13th July

Deanery - our Church Family is a pilgrim people and as we enter new places and experiences, help us all to understand how we are to communicate God’s love to strangers and that they encounter His presence in them.

World Church - The Diocese of Valparaíso – Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Bishops – Bishop Rob hosting NYC Leaders supper at Holm Croft

Friday 14th July

John Keble

John Keble was one of the Oxford group who founded the Oxford Movement. Keble helped popularise catholic teaching in the English Church. His poetry is regarded as the finest expression of personal devotion and piety.

Deanery - the harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Help us Lord to pray, to seek and encourage vocations in all our communities.

World Church – The Diocese of Vanuatu and New Caledonia – The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Saturday 15th July

St Swithun

The transfer of Bishop Swithun's relics to the new cathedral at Winchester on this day gave rise to the saying about the weather on St Swithun's day. He should be remembered though not for the weather but for his prayerful leadership of the church during a time of war and crisis.

Deanery - liberate us from our self-imposed fears and grant us the strength to grow in faith and hope whatever our task, age or calling.

World Church – The Diocese of Vellore – The (united) Church of South India

**Week Twenty Eight Theme – Thanksgiving for
Bishop James’ Ministry
Sunday 16th July – Trinity 6**

Thanksgiving – for Bishop James and Alison, for everyone attending his service at the cathedral at 3pm, to give thanks for his ministry over the last twenty-one years in Cumbria and the diocese

God for All – for the Bishops’ Houses’ staff teams who support Bishop James and Bishop Rob: Ali Tozer, Felicity Wiseman, Liz Howson, Mel Jolly and Sarah Marshall-Ellison

World Church – The Anglican Church of Canada

Bishops – Bishops James’s farewell service at the Cathedral

Monday 17th July

Thanksgiving – for Bishop James in his leadership of the Growing Disciples and God for All strategies

World Church - The Diocese of Venezuela – The Episcopal Church (*IX (9) Province*)

Bishops – both Bishops attending BLT

Tuesday 18th July

Thanksgiving – for Bishop James, giving thanks for his pastoral care and support of countless numbers of clergy, lay leaders and charitable organisations in the county.

World Church – The Diocese of Vermont – The Episcopal Church (*I (1) Province*)

Bishops – Bishop Rob licensing Iain McIntyre in St Mark's Stanwix

Wednesday 19th July

Thanksgiving – for all those confirmed, ordained, commissioned and licenced by Bishop James over the last twenty-one years, for the ministry he has enabled and nurtured

World Church - The Diocese of Victoria Nyanza – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Thursday 20th July

Thanksgiving – for Bishop James' role as Clerk to the Closet, for his support of the Sovereign and his fellow Bishops, for the King's Chaplains

World Church - The Diocese of Virgin Islands – The Episcopal Church (*II (2) Province*)

Bishops – Bishop Rob licensing Sharon Murphy at St Mary's Westfield

Friday 21st July

Thanksgiving – for Bishop James' work as Health lead in the House of Lords, for his contribution to the NHS and Social Care, for his service to the nation and those in greatest need

World Church - The Diocese of Virginia – The Episcopal Church (III (3) Province)

Saturday 22nd July

Saint Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene is the first recorded witness of the resurrection. She is remembered by the church as the supreme example of faith and love of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving – for Bishop James and Alison for all their faithful service

World Church - The Diocese of Southern Virginia – The Episcopal Church (III (3) Province)

**Week Twenty Nine Theme – Helm MC
Sunday 23rd July – Trinity 7**

MC - The Salvation Army; Kendal United Reformed Church; Holy Trinity Kendal Parish Church; St Thomas' Church, Crosscrake; St Mark's Church, Natland; St John's Church, Old Hutton; St Stephen's Church, New Hutton

God for All – for the northern pioneer hub, for all those already appointed and for those to be trained later in the year.

World Church – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Bishops – Bishop Rob at the Salvation Army, Carlisle

Monday 24th July

MC - amongst many, lay and clergy, exercising leadership please pray for Hilary Borthwick, Martyn Coe, Lucy Foster, Ashley Henderson, Marion Mashiter, Pam Noonan, Anne Underwood, Angela Whittaker and Terry Wilcock.

World Church - The Diocese of Southwestern Virginia – The Episcopal Church (*III (3) Province*)

Tuesday 25th July

St James the Apostle

James was the first of the disciples of Jesus to be martyred for the faith. As the brother of John they were surnamed by Jesus Boanerges 'sons of thunder', suggesting their dynamic personalities. James is the patron saint of Spain and his relics at Compostela are a place of world pilgrimage.

MC - pray for wisdom as we try and connect with children and young people in our communities e.g. Children's Club at the Salvation Army in the summer holidays. Pray God will open doors through open youth work in our Mission Community and wider Mission Area. Pray for our continuing and developing work in and with schools.

World Church – The Diocese of West Virginia – The Episcopal Church (*III (3) Province*)

Bishops – Bishop Rob at St James's Welton's 150 anniversary service

Wednesday 26th July

MC - give thanks for where we see God at work in our care of and for one another and our communities. Pray for help, strength and wisdom as we continue to care. Pray for the many Care Homes across our MC, for the work of the Food Bank and Manna House, for our work with any who are vulnerable. For mental health activities, in particular Renew Restore, through the United Reformed Church.

World Church – The Diocese of Waiapu – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
(*Pakeha Tikanga*)

Thursday 27th July

Brooke Foss Westcott

A great Victorian Bishop, founder of Westcott House and one of the first to see the importance of clergy who were educated for the priesthood.

MC - for Messy Church, Muddy Church, Messy Vintage, Encounter and F@4. For direction on how to proceed with online church now and in the future. For the prayer space.

World Church – The Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia (*Pakeha Tikanga*)

Friday 28th July

MC - The negative impact the pandemic has had on our congregations and communities.

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

Saturday 29th July

Mary, Martha and Lazarus

The story of the raising of Lazarus is one of the most moving parts of scripture. The obvious love of Jesus for the two sisters and their brother demonstrates the humanity of Jesus, but at the same time the miracle of bringing Lazarus back to life demonstrates his divinity.

MC - For our ongoing (and new) work and ministry in the places where we are located; our ongoing (and new) relationships as we work together as a MC and in the wider Mission Area.

World Church – The Diocese of Wang Lei – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Jonglei Province)

**Week Thirty Theme – Heart of Westmorland MC
Sunday 30th July – Trinity 8**

MC - Methodist Churches – Tebay, Orton, Newbiggin on Lune, Ravenstonedale, Nateby, Kirkby Stephen, Brough, Soulby, Brough Sowerby, Winton and Crosby Garrett United. C of E - Bampton, Shap, Orton, Tebay, Ravenstonedale, Mallerstang, Kirkby Stephen, Crosby Garrett, Church Brough, South Stainmore, Vine Life Church Orton, Upper Eden Baptist Church, Friends Meeting House Kirkby Stephen, Catholic Church Kirkby Stephen, Evangelical church Kirkby Stephen.

God for All – for this time of holiday that we might be refreshed, rested and renewed.

World Church – The Diocese of Wang Lei – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Jonglei Province)

Bishops – Bishop Rob at St Paul's, Holme Eden

Monday 31st July

St Ignatius of Loyola

St Ignatius is one of the most influential spiritual teachers of the church. Injured as a soldier in the sixteenth century convalescing he developed the spiritual exercises which are still widely followed. Ignatian Spirituality is a modern contemplative practice, and many value the Jesuit practice in their discipleship.

MC – praying for the ordained and lay leaders in the MC

World Church – The Diocese of Wangaratta – The Anglican Church of Australia (*Victoria Province*)

Tuesday 1st August

MC – pray for NYC Rachel Milburn, NISCU Ruth Evans, Families Together Orton & Tebay, Primary Schools – Tebay, Orton, Shap, Kirkby Stephen, Brough, Ravenstonedale – Pre school, Kirkby Stephen Grammar School

World Church - The Diocese of Wanyjok – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Northern Bahr el Ghazal Province)

Bishops – Bishop Rob licensing Geoff Withers at St Michael's Barton

Wednesday 2nd August

MC - Soup and sweet, Brough Sowerby, Soulby, Winton – all Ecumenical; Churches Together in Kirkby Stephen and area; Coffee morning Zoom High Westmorland parishes; Christian Head and Stobars Hall Nursing Homes; Upper Eden Food Bank.

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

Thursday 3rd August

MC - Families Together Orton and Tebay. Ignite youth club, Eden Ablaze.

World Church - The Diocese of Washington – The Episcopal Church (III (3) Province)

Friday 4th August

MC – for unity & integration of the Churches Together and Mission Community.

World Church - The Diocese of Wau – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Northern Bahr el Ghazal Province)

Saturday 5th August

St Oswald

Oswald was King of Northumbria in the seventh century and brought the Gospel to our county. Together with St Aidan he evangelised our ancestors, and for centuries provided the model of a wise Christian leader.

MC – pray for wisdom and grace, for growth in the churches in prayer and discipleship and for new preachers. For multi denominational worship and Families Together.

World Church - The Diocese of Wellington – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia (*Pakeha Tikanga*)

Week Thirty-One Theme – Holidays Sunday 6th August – Trinity 9

The Feast of the Transfiguration

The story from the synoptic gospels is remembered in the church's calendar on the last Sunday before Lent on this day. The story reminds of the true nature of Jesus, both fully human and yet at the same time expressing the divine character as God's Son.

God for All – for Holiday Clubs being held this month and for all those leading them, for all those young people attending and their families

World Church – Province de L'Église Anglicane du Congo

Monday 7th August

Holidays – giving thanks for the Sabbath time in our lives, the opportunity to rest and to be renewed

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

Tuesday 8th August

Holidays - for all who are offering accommodation for holiday makers and welcoming visitors to Cumbria

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

Wednesday 9th August

Mary Sumner

Mary Sumner founded the Mothers' Union, which is now a worldwide Anglican movement. As the wife of a parish priest, she began the group for mothers as she herself was looking for support and encouragement for new mothers. Her example was rapidly copied. Within 25 years the Mothers' Union had 169,000 members and Queen Victoria was the patron. Branches were set up around the world and Mary became the first worldwide president.

Holidays - for all businesses catering for tourism in Cumbria, for the opportunity to welcome visitors again and the assistance to local employment

World Church - The Diocese of Willochra – The Anglican Church of Australia (South Australia Province)

Thursday 10th August

St Laurence

Laurence was one of the seven deacons of Rome martyred under the Emperor Diocletian in 258. He was important for the church under Constantine as a martyr of the last great persecution of the church and is remembered as a significant saint for the Roman Catholic Church.

Holidays – for all those travelling this week, that all may travel safely and for the work of those who maintain our roads, rail and air networks

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

Friday 11th August

St John Henry Newman

As the leader of the Oxford Movement John Henry Newman's writing and example are still highly influential in the modern church. The Church of England with its emphasis on the Eucharist is Newman's legacy but of course he eventually became a Cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church. Canonised by pope Francis in 2019 he is a symbol of the ecumenical growing together of Anglicans and Roman Catholics.

Holidays - for all those staying at home, that they might find some peace and quiet, and feel refreshed and renewed by their time off

World Church - The Diocese of Windward Islands – The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Saturday 12th August

Holidays – for all families that this might be a time to meet up again and renew relationships between relations once again.

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

Week Thirty Two – World Peace Sunday 13th August – Trinity 10

World Peace - for peace between nations, peace within our communities, peace in our homes and peace in our hearts. May we be at peace.

Ukraine – pray for peace to come to this country, not simply for an end to the fighting, but also to rebuild communities and for justice for those who have lost their lives. (*A Collect for Ukraine is inside the back cover and could be used in addition to the Collect for Trinity 10*)

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

World Church – Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Monday 14th August

World Peace - for the work of the United Nations and its agencies. For the Secretary General Antonio Guterres and the UK's UN Ambassador Karen Pierce

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

Tuesday 15th August

World Peace - for international aid charities working for peaceful communities, especially UNICEF and its director Henrietta Fore

World Church - The Diocese of Fort Worth – The Episcopal Church (*VII (7) Province*)

Wednesday 16th August

World Peace - for veteran's organisations who assist the survivors of war, The Royal British Legion, Help for Heroes, and SSAFA

World Church - The Diocese of Wulu – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (*Eastern Bahr el Ghazal Province*)

Thursday 17th August

World Peace – for the International Court of Justice in The Hague and for those facing the challenges of pursuing those who have committed war crimes, and to bring them to justice

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

Friday 18th August

World Peace - for those who build international church friendships, for the PiWM group, our diocesan links, the work of CMS and USPG, and for local parish links

World Church - The Diocese of Wyoming – The Episcopal Church (VI (6) Province)

Saturday 19th August

*World Peace - **Anniversary of the end of World War 2** – we remember with sadness the deaths of millions of people in the Second World War and for the fracturing of societies as a result. We pray that we may learn the lessons of war and seek peaceful solutions to all disputes*

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

Week Thirty Three – Evangelism **Sunday 20th August – Trinity 11**

William and Catherine Booth

As the founders of the Salvation Army the example of William and Catherine challenges all Christians. Placing 'salvation' as their priority, working among the poorest and seeing all life as sacramental, the Salvation Army has a great deal to teach all churches.

Evangelism - give thanks for those who first brought the faith to Cumbria, the Celtic saints of the fifth to eighth century who faced many dangers to bring the good news of Jesus.

God for All - 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 Church of England

Monday 21st August

Evangelism - for the presence of the prayerful communities rooted in the teachings of St Augustine and St Benedict, for the place of prayer in the lives of people in the county for the last sixteen centuries

World Church - The Diocese of Yangon – The Church of the Province of Myanmar

Tuesday 22nd August

Evangelism - for the faith of the Church of England in Cumbria and the establishment of parish churches, with the ethos of care for the whole community

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

Wednesday 23rd August

Evangelism - for the witness of John Wesley and the conference of preachers, for all who are rooted in evangelisation and praying for conversion

World Church - The Diocese of Yeri – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (*Amadi Province*)

Thursday 24th August

St Bartholomew

There is no St Nathanael's day as Nathanael and Bartholomew are regarded as the same person. Bartholomew is a surname and Nathanael is a first name. Today we celebrate one of the disciples of Jesus who was true of heart and in mission founded the church.

Evangelism - for the Salvation Army and their witness to the faith among the most needy and hard pressed and the practical witness to the love of Jesus

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

Friday 25th August

Evangelism - for all churches in Cumbria and all Christian people that together we might pray for the conversion of our county to the faith.

World Church - The Diocese of Yirol – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (*Eastern Bahr el Ghazal Province*)

Saturday 26th August

Evangelism - for those who we know who are seeking a faith, that we might be faithful witnesses to the Gospel in thought, word and deed

World Church - The Diocese of Yokohama – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Week Thirty Four – Schools Sunday 27th August – Trinity 12

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

God for All - pray for the ecumenical strategy and that we might all speak boldly for the conversion of Cumbria and its communities to the Gospel

World Church - Church of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Monday 28th August

St Augustine of Hippo

Augustine wrote to many disciples about the spiritual disciplines and his followers later created the Augustinian rule. The foundation of Carlisle Cathedral is Augustinian as well as over twenty other foundations in the county. The rule places central importance of silence in the spiritual life.

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 Yola – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (*Jos Province*)

Tuesday 29th August

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 York – The Church of England (*York Province*)

Wednesday 30th August

Schools - for the DBE, for Andrew Towner Chair, and Charlotte Tudway as Director

World Church - The Diocese of Ysabel – The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Thursday 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 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 Yukon – The Anglican Church of Canada (*BC and Yukon Province*)

Bishops - Bishop James retires as Bishop of Carlisle, we pray for him and Alison in their retirement asking God's blessing upon them.

Friday 1st September

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 Zaki-Biam – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (*Abuja Province*)

Saturday 2nd September

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 Central Zambia – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Week Thirty Five – Theme: Harvest Appeal
Sunday 3rd September – Trinity 13

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.

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.

God for All - pray for the Bishop’s Council this week and for the ecumenical strategy roll out over the coming weeks

World Church – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Bishop – for Bishop Rob as he leads the diocese during the current time of vacancy in see, asking God’s blessing upon him as Acting Diocesan Bishop

Monday 4th 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 Eastern Zambia – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Tuesday 5th September

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

World Church - The Diocese of Northern Zambia – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Wednesday 6th September

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.

World Church - The Diocese of Zanzibar – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Thursday 7th 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 Zaria – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (*Kaduna Province*)

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

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

Saturday 9th 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 Zonkwa – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (*Abuja Province*)

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**

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**