

Cumbria Prayer Diary



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February 2024

*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, Israel and Gaza and the Vision Prayer.

Week Four Theme – Brampton Deanery
Sunday 28th January – Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

St Thomas Aquinas

St Thomas was a Dominican living in the thirteenth century regarded as one of the greatest theologians of the church. His influence on the development of Christian doctrine has been immense.

Deanery - For our MCs: Eden Wild Goose; Irthing, Gelt and Eden; Borders Area (yet to launch as a MC)

Vision – for the work of the God for All Church leaders' Strategy Group and the Operations Group, and the meeting of the Bishop's Council this weekend with ecumenical leaders

World Church - The Anglican Church of South Africa

Bishop Rob – St Paul's Grange over Sands Patronal Festival

Monday 29th January

Deanery – pray for Rural Dean Edward Johnsen; Deanery Lay Chair Chris Angus; and the Deanery Standing Group

World Church – The Diocese of Calabar – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Bishop Rob – Clergy Residential

Tuesday 30th January

Deanery - for Ruth Hutchinson and the Brampton Area; for NYC Online youth meetings by Zoom; for wisdom in the Eden Wild Goose MC; and Children's and Family Outreach Worker.

World Church – The Diocese of Calcutta – The Church of North India (United)

Bishop Rob – Clergy Residential

Wednesday 31st January

Deanery - for church-based support networks across the parishes and for links with various local community action groups

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

Bishop Rob – Clergy Residential

Thursday 1st February

Deanery - For discernment in building on new contacts and ways of connecting online as Church.

World Church – The Diocese of Calgary – The Anglican Church of Canada

Friday 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 - for a new commitment and inventiveness in finding ways to enable lay Christians to exercise ministry in the local church and in the deanery

World Church - The Diocese of California – The Episcopal Church

Saturday 3rd February

Deanery – for the development of a Mission Community in the Border area of the deanery. For the widening of the NYC ministry across the deanery.

World Church – The Diocese of Northern California – The Episcopal Church

Week Five Theme – South Calder MC

Sunday 4th February – Second Sunday before Lent

MC – For the eight churches of the Seatallan Benefice and the nine churches of the Western Lake District Benefice of Churches

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 South America

Bishop Rob – attending the Clergy Spice retreat

Monday 5th February

MC: for our local lay ministers Peter Holburt and Jim Geering, our Readers Rosalind Amey and Sheila Falkner; Retired Clergy Jonathan Falkner, Gavin Walker, Robert Bracegirdle, Wendy Bracegirdle and our Clergy, Angela Overton-Benge, Dave Pilkington and Philip Dorling

World Church - The Diocese of Cameroon – The Church of the Province of West Africa

Tuesday 6th February

MC – pray for Seascale Messy Church, Beckermat School Messy Church and Shackles Off and for our Church Primary Schools at Beckermat, Gosforth, Eskdale, Waberthwaite and Bootle

World Church - The Diocese of El Camino Real – The Episcopal Church

Wednesday 7th February

MC – pray for Gosforth Toddlers, Gosforth Coffee and Chat, Seascale Saturday Morning Coffee, Beckermat Reading Rooms Events, Drigg Tuesday Group

World Church - The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn
– The Anglican Church of Australia

Thursday 8th February

MC – please pray for the Seascale Tea Service.

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

Bishop Rob – visiting Grayrigg school

Friday 9th 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.

MC - for progress with building projects at Beckermat, Calder Bridge, Seascale, Gosforth, Nether Wasdale and Wasdale Head...and their funding.

World Church - The Diocese of Cape Coast – The
Church of the Province of West Africa

Saturday 10th February

MC - For the Gosforth Tourism Project and the Gosforth Pageant Project

World Church - The Diocese of Cape Town – The
Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Week Six Theme – Appleby Deanery
Sunday 11th February – Sunday next before Lent

Deanery – Pray for the Heart of Westmorland Mission Community, covering the whole of the Deanery and Methodist Circuit, as it seeks to discern the leadership, structure and work to which it is called.

God for All - Pray for the 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 - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Monday 12th February

Deanery – pray for the stipendiary clergy of the three benefices and the circuit, assistant and retired clergy, readers, lay leaders of worship and all the PCCs of the deanery. For those recently priested, ordinands, or discerning their vocation.

World Church - The Diocese of North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba – The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Shrove Tuesday 13th February

Deanery – for our Network Youth Church leader, Rachel, and all who volunteer in youth work, especially our new groups in Appleby, Morland, Newbiggin and

Shap. For our schools' work and for the Diocesan Growing Faith pilot in some of our schools.

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

Wednesday 14th February

Ash Wednesday

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.

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 – for Upper Eden Food Bank, Monday Lunch in Shap, Upper Eden Linking Lives.

World Church - The Diocese of East Carolina – The Episcopal Church

Thursday 15th February

Deanery – for the Renew Wellbeing Café, Families Together, and Wild Wanderings. For all who know God through our youth groups.

World Church - The Diocese of North Carolina – The Episcopal Church

Friday 16th February

Deanery – for discernment as we think about ways we might come together over large distances, how we might be an effective local church when we are few in number, and that churchwarden and PCC vacancies might be filled.

World Church - The Diocese of South Carolina – The Episcopal Church

Saturday 17th February

Deanery – pray for the Mission Community Steering Group.

World Church - The Diocese of Upper South Carolina – The Episcopal Church

Week Seven Theme – Lent

Sunday 18th February First Sunday of 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 programmes 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 - Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

Monday 19th February

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

World Church - The Diocese of Western North Carolina – The Episcopal Church

Tuesday 20th 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 Cashel, Ferns and Ossory – The Church of Ireland

Wednesday 21st February

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 Chandigarh – The Church of North India (United)

Thursday 22nd 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 Chelmsford – The Church of England

Friday 23rd February

Lent – for all who will take part in Lent Courses.

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

Bishop Rob – General Synod

Saturday 24th 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 Diocese of Chhattisgarh – The Church of North India (United)

Bishop Rob – General Synod

Week Eight Theme – Carlisle Rural MC
Sunday 25th February – Second Sunday of Lent

MC – Please pray for our smaller rural congregations, for the Barony Burgh in interregnum and for our burgeoning children’s work.

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 Anglican Church of Tanzania

Bishop Rob – General Synod

Monday 26th February

MC – pray for the clergy: Eileen Reid, Richard Corrie and Ben Phillips. Our Readers and many teams of volunteers.

World Church – The Diocese of Chicago – The Episcopal Church

Bishop Rob – General Synod

Tuesday 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.

MC – please pray for Confirmation Courses in Wigton and Warnell and Tots Church in Dalston.

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

Bishop Rob – General Synod

Wednesday 28th February

MC – for Lent Courses and Tea Services for the elderly.

World Church - The Diocese of Chotanagpur – The Church of North India (United)

Bishop Rob – Bishop’s Council and Bishop’s Leadership Team meeting

Thursday 29th February

World Church - The Diocese of Christ the King – Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

Bishop Rob - Bishop’s Leadership Team meeting

Friday 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.

MC - Please pray for more resources and more ministry.

World Church – The Diocese of Christ the King – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Saturday 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.

MC – pray for growth in discipling and mission across our diverse communities.

World Church - The Diocese of Christchurch – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

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

Prayer for Peace in the Israel-Gaza conflict

O God of all hope and peace, we bring to you the
needs of our broken and hurting world.

Our hearts are breaking with images of lives lost
and torn apart by grief in Israel and Palestine.
We pray for an end to violence and warfare so that
the challenging work of rebuilding may begin.
Help us, O Lord, to affirm our common humanity so
that in our differences we may build together for
justice and peace.

In Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.