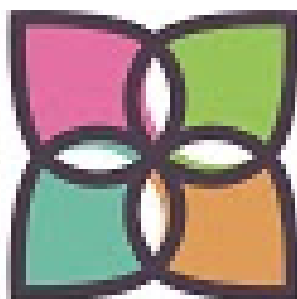


Cumbria Prayer Diary



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Speak Boldly **Tread Gently**

March 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 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

Week Nine Theme – Windermere Deanery Sunday 3rd March – Third Sunday of Lent

Deanery – pray for the South Lakes Mission Community, Central Lakes Mission Community and the Churches of the Cartmel Peninsula

God for All - pray that we may renew our efforts to follow daily during Lent, deepening our prayer life and our walk as Christ's disciples.

World Church - The Church of the Province of Uganda

Bishop Rob - attending IME2 Formation Day

Monday 4th March

Deanery - for all the church leadership in the area, including those in new posts: David Wilmot and Mark Houston

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

Tuesday 5th March

Deanery - for work with young people. For Chris Mason, Deanery Network Youth Minister, and all the schools, both Church and State.

World Church - The Diocese of Clogher – The Church of Ireland

Bishop Rob – licensing of Mark Houston at St Mary's, Allithwaite

Wednesday 6th March

Deanery - for all in need and all that the Churches can do to help them.

World Church - The Diocese on the Coast – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Bishop Rob – attending Derwent Deanery Synod

Thursday 7th March

Deanery - for established and emerging Fresh Expressions of Church

World Church - The Diocese of Cochin – The Church of South India (United)

Friday 8th March

Bishop Edward King

Edward King as founder of St Stephen's House and as Bishop of Lincoln was hugely influential in the Anglo-Catholic revival of the Church of England. He was well loved as a kindly caring Bishop. His innovations as a diocesan bishop have set a pattern which many have followed.

World Church - The Diocese of Coimbatore – The Church of South India (United)

Saturday 9th March

Deanery - for Mission Communities to reach their potential

World Church - The Diocese of Colombia – The Episcopal Church

Bishop Rob – Diocesan Synod

Week Ten Theme – Keswick MC

Sunday 10th March – Fourth Sunday of Lent

MC – pray for Crosthwaite Keswick & Under Skiddaw, Thornthwaite, Braithwaite & Newlands, Borrowdale, Keswick St John, Threlkeld, St John in the Vale and Wythburn

God for All – pray that we may care deeply for one another and that our churches may make pastoral care in the community their priority in the year ahead.

World Church - The Episcopal Church

Monday 11th March

MC - pray for our clergy and lay leadership: Andy, Charles, Susi, Susan and Keith

World Church - The Diocese of Colombo – The Church of Ceylon (Extra Provincial)

Bishop Rob – God for All Strategy Group

Tuesday 12th March

MC – pray for Braithwaite Messy Church, St John in the Vale ‘zoo’ club & Keswick St John’s with Kings Church Messy Church and our schools of St Herbert’s, Borrowdale, Threlkeld, Braithwaite & Keswick

World Church - The Diocese of Colorado – The Episcopal Church

Bishop Rob – God for All Operations Group

Wednesday 13th March

MC – pray for Thursday Lunch Club, Methodist Church. Twos Company Keswick (CTiK & Rotary led) and Keswick Area Food Share (CTiK & Community led)

World Church - The Diocese of Congo Brazzaville –
Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Bishop Rob – Leading Appleby Chapter Day at Rydal
Hall

Thursday 14th March

MC – for home services held in residential and older
people's homes and special events for Easter

World Church - The Diocese of Connecticut – The
Episcopal Church

Friday 15th March

MC – pray for energy and shared vision that encourages
us to go on!

World Church - The Diocese of Connor – The Church of
Ireland

Saturday 16th March

MC – for a greater sharing of prayer and social
engagement

World Church - The Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross
– The Church of Ireland

Week Eleven Theme – Blencathra MC
Sunday 17th March – Fifth Sunday of Lent

St Patrick

Patrick was captured by members of the U Neils clan from Ulster in the fifth century, probably from the Solway Firth around Allonby. As the patron saint of Ireland, he is remembered today around the world. His faith though was nurtured under the influence of Ninian's community at Whithorn, and he is one of the earliest Cumbrian saints.

MC – for St Michael & All Angels, Ainstable, Christ & St Mary, Armathwaite, All Saints', Calthwaite^{[[[]]]}, Cottage Wood Centre, St Andrew's, Greystoke w. All Saints', Penruddock, St Mary the Virgin, Hesketh-in-the-Forest, St James', Hutton-in-the-Forest, St Kentigern's, Mungrisdale, St John, Plumpton Wall, St Michael's, Skelton (Anglican), Skelton (Methodist), Penrith Methodist Circuit

God for All – 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 in Wales

Bishop Rob – Confirmation Service at Ulverston Parish Church and farewell service for Richard Pratt at St Mary's Harrington

Monday 18th March

MC – for Revd Martin Walker and Revd David Milner and Brian Davies, Eric Guise, Lois Morton, Jim Mills, Cath and Alan Pattinson, Charles Ecroyd, Myles Walker, Sheila Mallinson, Carol Lewis, Pat Ivinson, Ally Snaith and Jenny Roscoe

World Church - The Diocese of Costa Rica – Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Bishop Rob – Bishop’s Leadership Team meeting

Tuesday 19th March

St Joseph

From the earliest days of the church St Joseph has been celebrated. As the earthly father of Jesus his role is seen in Matthew’s Gospel as faithfully listening to the message of the archangel as well as in his care for Mary and their child. In many countries in the world his feast day is the time to celebrate the gift of fatherhood.

MC – for kids’ groups within Sunday services and Open the Book

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

Bishop Rob – visit to Leven Valley School

Wednesday 20th March

St Cuthbert

Cuthbert is the great saint of the foundation of Christianity in our county. Cuthbert visited the county on many occasions and we are told by Bede that he had ‘a special love for those who lived in remote mountainous parts of the land’. We give thanks for his continuing influence upon Christians in the modern Church.

MC – for the Foodbank and the Bereavement Courses this year

World Church - The Diocese of Cuba – The Episcopal Church

Thursday 21st March

Thomas Cranmer

The author of the Book of Common Prayer is remembered on the anniversary of his death in 1556, being martyred for his protestant beliefs. As Archbishop of Canterbury, he was a leader of the English reformation and a guiding influence of Edward VI and the development of the Church of England.

MC - for Café Churches in Mungrisdale and Greystoke Village Halls and the Blencathra Mission Community Open Air Service

World Church - The Diocese of Cueibet – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Bishop Rob – Northern Church Leaders Retreat in Leeds

Friday 22nd March

MC – pray that the Holy Spirit would give courage for the church to tell of the good news of Jesus with friends, family, neighbours and work colleagues and they may have ears to hear.

World Church - The Diocese of Cuernavaca – La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

Bishop Rob – Northern Church Leaders Retreat in Leeds

Saturday 23rd March

MC - for God to call new leaders to the Mission Community, particularly priest(s) for the Inglewood Group.

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

Bishop Rob – attending Young Vocations Day

Week Twelve Theme – Holy Week Sunday 24th March – Palm Sunday

Holy Week – for Holy Week as a time of repentance and for all to know the generosity of God's forgiveness.

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 Church of the Province of West Africa

Monday 25th March

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 Cyangugu – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Tuesday 26th March

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 Cyprus and the Gulf – The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East

Wednesday 27th March

Holy Week – that all of us will respond to human need by loving service and we repent of the times we have failed to respond.

World Church - The Diocese of Daejeon – The Anglican Church of Korea

Maundy Thursday 28th March

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 North Dakota – The Episcopal Church

Bishop Rob – attend Bishop Harvey School Assembly and Chrism Service at the Cathedral

Good Friday 29th March

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 South Dakota – The Episcopal Church

Holy Saturday 30th March

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 Dallas – The Episcopal Church

Bishop Rob – Confirmation Service at the Cathedral

**Week Thirteen Theme - Easter
Sunday 31st March – 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)

God for All - Pray 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 - The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Bishop Rob – Easter Morning service at the Cathedral

John Donne

John Donne a leading churchman of the seventeenth century. As Dean of Dublin and then of St Paul’s London, he is a pre-eminent representative of the metaphysical poets.

Easter Monday 1st 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 Damaturu – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Easter Tuesday 2nd 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 Dar-es-Salaam – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Easter Wednesday 3rd 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 Davao – The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Easter Thursday 4th April

Easter – for vocations as missionaries and pioneers, to reach a new generation with the call of the gospel

World Church - The Diocese of Saint Davids – The Church in Wales

Easter Friday 5th 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 Delaware – The Episcopal Church

Easter Saturday 6th April

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 Delhi – The Church of North India (United)

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.