

Cumbria Prayer Diary



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*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 Twenty Nine Theme – Penrith Deanery
Sunday 28th July – 9th Sunday after Trinity**

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

Deanery – for Ullswater, Blencathra, East of Eden and Penrith MCs and particularly for recruitment to vacancies in ministry provision across the deanery. For the Alpha course being run by Ullswater and Blencathra MCs

World Church - The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

Bishop Rob – Confirmation Service at St Bees and 150th Anniversary Service at St John's Osmotherley

Monday 29th July

Deanery - for Bryan Gray (Deanery lay Chair) and Rev David Sargent (Rural Dean). For all serving on Deanery Synod and the Penrith Area Ecumenical Council

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

Tuesday 30th 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.

Deanery – for Emily Milburn and the team at The Gathering Youth Café and Network Youth Church. For the summer outreach work to children at Greystoke

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

Wednesday 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, while 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.

Deanery – for Rev Andrew Gardner’s pastoral care work in Penrith. For the befriending work of Linking Lives Penrith and the pastoral work of the Anna Chaplaincy project.

World Church - The Diocese of Honduras – The Episcopal Church

Thursday 1st August

Deanery – for Rev Beth Honey and the RESTORE Penrith shop. For the Worship Together community growing at Christ Church Penrith.

World Church - The Diocese of Hong Kong Island –
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Friday 2nd August

Deanery – for under-pressure PCC members trying to sustain small, rural parish life with few officers and serious financial challenges.

World Church - The Diocese of the Horn of Africa – The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

Saturday 3rd August

Deanery – for the appointment of ministry leaders and courageous thinking around sustainable long-term ministry in some rural contexts.

World Church - The Diocese of Hpa-an – The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

Week Thirty Theme – Holidays

Sunday 4th August – 10th Sunday after Trinity

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

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 - The Anglican Church of Kenya

Monday 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.

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

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

Tuesday 6th August

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.

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

World Church - The Diocese of Hyderabad – The Church of Pakistan (United)

Wednesday 7th August

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 Ibadan – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Thursday 8th August

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 Ibadan North – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Friday 9th August

Mary Sumner

Mary Sumner founded the Mothers' Union and it is now a worldwide Anglican movement. She created the group for women that brought together rich and poor to build a network that would support mothers of all kinds as they brought up their children in the Christian faith. There are now four million members in 83 countries.

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 Ibadan South – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Saturday 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 families that this might be a time to meet up again and renew relationships between family members once again.

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

Week Thirty One Theme – World Peace Sunday 11th August – 11th Sunday after Trinity

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 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.

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.

World Church - The Anglican Church of Korea

Monday 12th 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 Dame Barbara Woodward.

World Church - The Diocese of Idaho – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Tuesday 13th August

World Peace - for international aid charities working for peaceful communities, especially UNICEF and its director Catherine Russell.

World Church - The Diocese of Idaho – The Episcopal Church

Wednesday 14th August

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

World Church - The Diocese of Ideato – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Thursday 15th 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 Idoani – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Friday 16th 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 Ife – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Saturday 17th August

World Peace – we remember with sadness the deaths of millions of people in wars 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 Ife East – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Week Thirty Two Theme – Evangelism

Sunday 18th August – 12th Sunday after Trinity

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 Anna Chaplains and their work on behalf of those suffering from dementia.

World Church - The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Monday 19th 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 Ifo – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Tuesday 20th August

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. Catherine was also an advocate for women's ministry and social reform and better conditions and pay for women workers in London.

Evangelism - for the Salvation Army, especially in Cumbria, 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 Igbomina – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Wednesday 21st 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 Igbomina West – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Thursday 22nd 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 Ihiala – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Friday 23rd 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 Ijebu – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Saturday 24th August

St Bartholomew

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

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 Ijebu South West – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Week Thirty Three Theme – Schools
Sunday 25th August – 13th Sunday after Trinity

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 - La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

Monday 26th August

Schools - for all staff at our local schools, giving thanks for their dedication, service, skills and knowledge

World Church - The Diocese of Ijebu-North – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Tuesday 27th 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 Ijesa North East – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Wednesday 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.

Schools - for the DBE, for Andrew Towner Chair, and Charlotte Tudway as Director and the Schools and Education team working at Church House

World Church - The Diocese of Ijesha North – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Thursday 29th August

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 Ijumu – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Friday 30th August

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 Ika – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Saturday 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 all volunteers who support local schools, through working in classes, fund raising and providing local meals for children

World Church - The Diocese of Ikara – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

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.