Cumbria Prayer Diary



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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 Five Theme – Eden Wild Goose MC Sunday 30th June – 5th Sunday after Trinity

MC- for Scotby, Cotehill and Cumwhiton, Wetheral and Holme Eden

Vision – for Fresh Expressions and the Communities of Prayer.

World Church - Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Bishop Rob – Priesting of Rachel Cunliffe at St Cuthbert's Seascale, Jackie Oakes at St Peter's Kells, and Christina Brentnall at St Bridget's, Bridekirk

Monday 1st July

MC – for Isaac Lawrence, Alison Jary and 7 lay leaders and preachers in the parish of Scotby. For the PCCs of Wetheral and Holme Eden during the interregnum, all who keep our services and events running smoothly, and all those helping us with clergy cover - especially Edward, Richard, Tricia, Peter and Al.

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

Tuesday 2nd July

MC – for Lego club, toddlers and youth group and Tots cafe.

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

Bishop Rob - visit to Rosley primary school

Wednesday 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.

MC – for Coffee Pot, Toddlers group, Bible Beer & Chat, Eden Breakfast, Men's Spice, Eden Wild Goose Community Choir, Art Club, Craft Gaggle, Nature Walks.

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

Bishop Rob – Calder Deanery Chapter Day at Rydal Hall

Thursday 4th July

MC - for the Infinity Service at Scotby School, The Big Sing at Holme Eden and Choral Evensong at Wetheral

World Church - The Diocese of Good Shepherd – Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

Friday 5th July

MC – pray for wisdom, discernment, and humility for all our leaders to make decisions that align with the church's mission and for unity among church members, leaders, and staff. Pray for the community and society at large to have open hearts and minds to receive the message of the church.

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

Saturday 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.

MC – pray for wisdom, discernment, and God's guidance as the process for the appointment of the new Vicar at Wetheral and Holme Eden begins and for the church to be a positive influence in the community, addressing social issues and being a beacon of hope.

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

Bishop Rob - North West Dioceses' Christian Leadership Course service of thanksgiving at the cathedral.

Week Twenty Six Theme – The National Church Sunday 7th July – 6th Sunday after Trinity

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.

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

Monday 8th July

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 Rio Grande – The Episcopal Church

Bishop Rob - General Synod

Tuesday 9th July

National Church - for Bishop Sarah Mullaly as lead bishop for Health and Social Care and for the church's support for community social care.

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

Bishop Rob – General Synod

Wednesday 10th July

National Church - pray for Bishop Graham, the church's lead on the environment, for Dr Richard Waller the diocesan environmental officer and Anna Newlove, the diocesan Net Zero officer.

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

Bishop Rob – BLT meeting

Thursday 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.

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 Guildford – The Church of England

Bishop Rob - BLT Pastoral Meeting and hosting Curates and Spouses Dinner in Kendal

Friday 12th July

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

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

Saturday 13th July

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

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

Week Twenty Seven Theme – Coast to Fells MC Sunday 14th July – 7th Sunday after Trinity

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.

MC – for Egremont Methodist Church, Cleator Moor Methodist Church, Frizington Methodist Church, St Mary's RC Church in Cleator and St Joseph's RC church in Frizington, St Bees Priory, St Bees, Egremont (St Mary and St Michael, St Johns Bigrigg, Thornhill Mission) and Haile. St Michael's and All Angels, Lamplugh; Kirkland Methodist Church, St Mary's Ennerdale, St Michael's Arlecdon, St Paul's Frizington, St John's Cleator Moor and St Leonard's Cleator

God for All – for the Bishop's House staff team who support Bishop Rob: Ali Tozer, Felicity Wiseman, Liz Howson, Mel Jolly and Sarah Marshall-Ellison

World Church - The Church of Ireland

Bishop Rob – preaching in Dalston and Wreay and the Priesting of Emily Bagg and Chris Smith in Hawkshead

Monday 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.

MC – for our clergy, those with PTO, our Readers and lay leaders plus our ecumenical colleagues.

World Church - The Diocese of Central Gulf Coast – The Episcopal Church

Bishop Rob - ReSource Residential in Cheshire

Tuesday 16th July

MC – for Kirkland Messy Church and All Age Holy Communion Services. Crosslacon Parish Messy Church and youth group, and All Age Communion Services and Services of the Word. Story Service, and Friday Fun at St Bees; Egremont Methodist Church Messy Church; Frizington Methodist Church Holiday club and all the connections and outreach we do in schools especially our "Experience Events" which we run as a mission community.

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

Bishop Rob - ReSource Residential in Cheshire

Wednesday 17th July

MC – for the Memory Cafe, St Bees; after church bring and share lunch, Bigrigg; The Living Room in Cleator Moor; Craft, Craic and Cuppa at St Paul's in Frizington; Jubilee Club in Cleator; The Locker Room (Men's Group) in Rowrah; Tea at 3 in Kirkland and Friday coffee morning in Cleator Moor Methodist church

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

Bishop Rob – Finance Committee meeting

Thursday 18th July

MC - Nooma Women's group in Crosslacon Parish. An Alternative Worship Gathering in Crosslacon Parish.

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

Bishop Rob – NW Bishops meeting and hosting Deanery Clergy Supper in Kendal

Friday 19th July

MC – please pray that we would see more people offering their skills and experience, engaged and involved with the mission and ministry of the churches in this Mission Community.

World Church - The Diocese of Haiti – The Episcopal Church

Bishop Rob – York Consecration

Saturday 20th July

MC - New Worship Gathering in Crosslacon, New Baby and Toddler Group in Frizington, Appointment of a team vicar in Egremont and Haille, the settling in of the new Methodist ministers and the new areas of ministry. St Bee's Building Project and St Michael's Building Project in Arlecdon.

World Church - The Diocese of Hanuato'o – The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Week Twenty Eight Theme – Furness Deanery Sunday 21st July – 8th Sunday after Trinity

Deanery - for the future appointment of a Mission Community Leader for Furness Mission Community.

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 Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Bishop Rob – Preaching at All Saints, Orton and at Lanercost Priory

Monday 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.

Deanery – F=for Revd Carl (+ Karon) Carter; Revd. Tom (+ Sam) Sample; Revd. Vic (+ Martin) Sekasi; Revd. Madi (+ James) Simpson. For re-establishing Chapter with laity and retired clergy.

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

Bishop Rob - Meeting with the High Sheriff

Tuesday 23rd July

Deanery - for the induction and settling in of the newly appointed Emma Taplin as Children's and Families Worker. For the interviews and appointment of a new Network Youth Church Worker.

World Church - The Diocese of Hawaii – The Episcopal Church

Wednesday 24th July

Deanery – for toddler group and work with young families. For youth groups in Broughton, Coniston and Ulverston and outreach to schools, especially in a transition period.

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

Bishop Rob – God for All meeting

Thursday 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.

Deanery - for community groups that are church for those who attend. For Bikers Breakfast in Torver Schoolroom and a greater emphasis on mission.

World Church - The Diocese of Southern Highlands – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Friday 26th July

Deanery - for the mission hubs within the Mission Community to work together across parish boundaries.

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

Bishop Rob – Mitre Housing Trust talk and lunch

Saturday 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. *Deanery* – for the re-establishing of regular deanery synod meetings, their content, and that they would be productive gatherings.

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

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 as 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)

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.