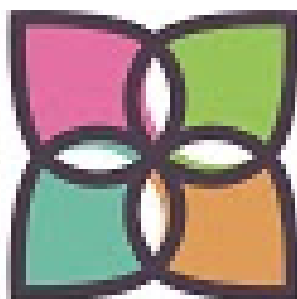


Cumbria Prayer Diary



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FEBRUARY 2025

*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 the appointment of a new Bishop of Carlisle, the Vision Prayer, Peace in Ukraine and a Prayer for the Middle East

Week Five Theme – Carlisle Deanery
Sunday 26th January – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

St Timothy and St Titus

Companions of St Paul and recipients of letters named after them. St Paul's advice to them, teaches us all how to be Christ's disciples in our daily lives.

Deanery - pray for the Mission Communities across the Deanery: Carlisle Rural, The Two Rivers Mission Community, Carlisle South, Heart of the Centre and St John's London Road & Houghton & Kingmoor

World Church - The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

Bishop Rob – service at St Elisabeth's Harraby

Monday 27th January

Deanery - pray for the Rural Dean, Rev Simon Bickersteth, Assistant Rural Dean, Revd Eileen Reid, and Lay Chair, Tony Newgarth.

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

Bishop Rob – NW Bishops meeting

Tuesday 28th January

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 - pray for Samuel and Karla Coswig, as they head up the work of Carlisle Network Youth Church, and the church revitalisation scheme taking place at St Luke's.

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

Bishop Rob – College of Bishops

Wednesday 29th January

Deanery - pray for the work of the Restore network of shops in Carlisle. Pray for Chris Harwood and Garry Ion who lead the work of the Community Shed, particularly as they look for a new location for the community shed.

World Church - The Diocese of Llandaff – The Church in Wales

Bishop Rob – College of Bishops

Thursday 30th January

Deanery - pray for the Revd Nina Orchard and the team working to revitalise St Luke's Morton.

World Church - Missionary Area of Lodwar – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Bishop Rob – Diocesan Safeguarding meeting and DBE meeting

Friday 31st January

Deanery - pray that God will provide the people and resources to enable the church to grow, and for churches to have a renewed excitement and passion for mission and outreach. Pray for vacancies within the Deanery to be filled.

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

Saturday 1st February

Deanery - pray for a successful Diocesan DIP bid, which would help release additional funding to support church planting and revitalisation in Carlisle. Pray for discussions about the future shape of the Deanery.

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

Bishop Rob – Mothers' Union commissioning service in Kendal and speaking at Young Vocations Day at Rheged

Week Six Theme – Furness Deanery Sunday 2nd February – 4th Sunday of Epiphany

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

Diocese – for the Diocesan Director of Education, Charlotte Tudway, for the members of the Diocesan Board of Education and Andrew Towner as Chair

A prayer for Young People in the Diocese: Loving God, we bring to you the children and young people in Cumbria. We pray for those who already know they are your children. Please protect them, bless them and surround them with opportunities to deepen their faith in you.

World Church - The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Bishop Rob – attending Clergy Spice retreat

Monday 3rd February

Deanery - for Revd. Richard Bunday; Revd. Tom (+ Sam) Sample; Revd. Vic (+ Martin) Sekasi; Revd. Madi (+ James) Simpson; Revd Graham Tate

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

Tuesday 4th February

Deanery - for exploring other avenues to support youth work other than a Network Youth Church Worker. For Emma Taplin as Children's and Families Worker.

World Church – The Diocese of Long Island – The Episcopal Church

Bishop Rob – BLT meeting

Wednesday 5th February

Deanery - for youth groups in Broughton, Coniston, Ulverston, and outreach to schools. For the strengthening of schools' work across the mission community, especially in those schools where there is currently little connection.

World Church - The Diocese of Los Angeles – The Episcopal Church

Thursday 6th February

Deanery - for further contact with those who attended events and services during the Christmas period.

World Church - The Diocese of Louisiana – The Episcopal Church

Bishop Rob - delegates from the Norwegian Mission Society visiting the diocese and visit to Threlkeld School

Friday 7th February

Deanery - for suitable candidates for the Network Youth Church Worker role, and other positions as they become vacant.

World Church - The Diocese of Western Louisiana – The Episcopal Church

Bishop Rob - delegates from the Norwegian Mission Society visiting the diocese

Saturday 8th February

Deanery - for the steering committee as it explores how to co-ordinate and oversee a consistent, joined-up children's and youth work across the full age spectrum.

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

Week Seven Theme – South Calder MC

Sunday 9th February – 5th Sunday of Epiphany

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 the plans we have for the repair and development of the Mission Community's Church buildings, in particular Beckerment, Calder Bridge, Gosforth, Nether Wasdale and Wasdale Head

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.

A prayer for Youth Leaders in the Diocese - Loving God, we thank you for all those who work with young people in Cumbria, especially our volunteer teams, parish youth workers and network youth church leaders. Please help

us to recruit new workers for vacant posts in Network Youth Church and to increase our volunteer teams so that we can help more young people to discover the transformational life you offer them.

World Church - The Anglican Church of Australia

Monday 10th February

MC – for clergy and lay leadership: Gavin and Jo, Wendy and Robert, Jonathan and Sheila, Philip and Jacquie, Rosalind, David, Peter and Jim

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

Bishop Rob – General Synod

Tuesday 11th February

MC – for the Gosforth Toddlers and the Seascale Toddlers. For the Messy Church in Seascale and Beckermet C of E School

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

Bishop Rob – General Synod

Wednesday 12th February

MC - for Coffee and Chat in Seascale and Gosforth and for Beckermet Soup Lunch.

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

Bishop Rob – General Synod

Thursday 13th February

MC – for the Viking Footfall Project and the Pageant project

World Church - The Lusitanian Church – (Extra Provincial)

Bishop Rob – General Synod

Friday 14th February

MC - for efficiency with administration and for the Faculty process

World Church - The Diocese of Luwero – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Bishop Rob – General Synod

Saturday 15th February

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 travelling to many parts of the world.

MC – for the plans for a pilgrimage in our area

World Church - The Diocese of Northern Luzon – The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Week Eight Theme – Blencathra MC
Sunday 16th February – 6th Sunday of Epiphany

MC – for 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, Heskett-in-the-Forest; St James', Hutton-in-the-Forest; St Kentigern's, Mungrisdale; St John, Plumpton Wall; St Michael's; Skelton (Anglican); Skelton (Methodist) and Penrith Methodist Circuit

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

A Prayer for Faith among our youth - Loving God, we pray for those who would like to find out more about you and those who know little or nothing about the Christian faith. Please stir up curiosity in them to find out more and give them encounters with you.

World Church - The Church of Bangladesh

Monday 17th February

MC – pray for Rev'd Martin Walker; Rev'd David Milner; Ken Bonsor; Brian Davies; Steve Boyle; Carolyn Dickinson; Christine Flock; Pat Ivinson; Sheila

Mallinson; Myles Walker; Ken Bonsor; Carol Lewis; Jim Mills; Lois Morton and Eric Guise

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

Tuesday 18th February

MC – for kids' groups within Sunday services; Open the Book; Messy Church Armathwaite and a proposed new Youth club at Greystoke Church

World Church - Missionary Area of Macau – Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Wednesday 19th February

MC – for the Foodbank and the Alpha Course

World Church - The Diocese of Machakos – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Thursday 20th February

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

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

Friday 21st February

MC - that the Holy Spirit would give courage to 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 Madhya Kerala – The Church of South India (United)

Saturday 22nd February

MC - that we might be a church that grows in number, faith and younger. That we may love God, love people leading them to Jesus.

World Church - The Diocese of Madi and West Nile – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Week Nine Theme – Windermere Deanery Sunday 23rd February – 2nd Sunday before Lent

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?'

Deanery – for the South Lakes Mission Community; the Central Lakes Mission Community and the churches of the Cartmel Peninsula

God for All – for the theme of 'care deeply', for the work in our communities caring for those most in need

For NYC Church in the diocese: we ask God to help us fill our NYC vacancies (in Kendal, Keswick and Ulverston and their surrounding areas) with new youth

leaders who are passionate about fostering authentic faith and discipleship among young people

World Church - Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

Monday 24th February

Deanery - for all who have leadership roles in the Deanery

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

Tuesday 25th February

Deanery - For Chris Mason, the Deanery Network Youth Minister, and his team and all they do

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

Wednesday 26th February

Deanery - for all the pastoral work that churches do, both formal and informal

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

Bishop Rob – leading Derwent Deanery Chapter Day at Rydal Hall and Bishop's Council

Thursday 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.

Deanery - for all who are exploring new ways of being church in the Deanery

World Church - The Diocese of Mahajanga – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Bishop Rob – BLT meeting

Friday 28th February

Deanery - for the ability to think creatively and missionally, rather than just keeping going

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

Saturday 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.

Deanery - for the Mission Communities to become what they are meant to be

World Church - The Diocese of Maine – The Episcopal Church

Prayer for our new Bishop of Carlisle

Everlasting God,
You have welcomed each one of us in Jesus and
called us to be your people in this place;
Send us your Holy Spirit, and fill us with vision,
energy, and faithfulness in prayer, that we may be
true to our calling to follow daily, care deeply, speak
boldly and tread gently.
Guide us as we seek to discern who you are calling
to be our new Bishop that they may be a wise and
gentle shepherd of your people, ready to serve us
with joy, build us up in our faith and be a herald of
your son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
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**

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 the Middle East

Dear God, we cry out to you on behalf of the people
seriously affected by the conflict in Gaza and the
Middle East. Our hearts break at the devastation
and suffering that we see, and we know it breaks
yours, too.

We ask that you stretch out your mighty hand to
bring lasting peace.

We cry out for people who have been injured or
traumatised, who have lost loved ones or their
homes. Please provide everything they need and
be their comfort, their hope, their healer, and their
safe refuge.

We pray for your peace to reign. We look to you as
our Saviour and the hope of the world.

Amen. (Tearfund)