

Cumbria Prayer Diary



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Speak Boldly Tread Gently

APRIL 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 the Vision Prayer, Peace in Ukraine and a Prayer for the Middle East

Week Thirteen Theme – Carlisle West MC
Sunday 30th March – 4th Sunday of Lent

MC – for St John’s London Road, St Andrew’s Botcherby, St Peter’s Kingmoor, St John’s Houghton and 4LIFE. We pray to be a growing family of thriving congregations.

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 - Province de L’Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Bishop Rob – Service at St Andrew’s, Greystoke

Monday 31st March

John Donne

John Donne is 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.

MC – for the Revd Andrew Towner (MC leader) and Revd Tudor Boddam-Whetham; and our MC Council: Fraser, Cressida, Thomesena, Stuart and Dan

World Church - The Diocese of Maryland – The Episcopal Church

Bishop Rob – BLT meeting

Tuesday 1st April

MC - give thanks for many children at after school clubs and 4LIFE; pray for developing monthly all-ages services in Houghton and London Road

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

Wednesday 2nd April

MC - pray for our Lunch Club (monthly), Mothers' Union, Botcherby Brew, men's study, Home Groups & Life Groups, and other informal gatherings.

World Church - The Diocese of Maseno East – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Bishop Rob – NW Bishops meeting

Thursday 3rd April

MC - pray for discernment in the next steps in re-establishing a regular worshipping community at St Andrews.

World Church - The Diocese of Maseno North – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Friday 4th April

MC - pray for a unity that celebrates and serves, and a willingness to go beyond our comfort zones, with Jesus, for the gospel

World Church - The Diocese of Maseno South – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Saturday 5th April

MC - we pray for the successful establishment of the Tree of Life charity in Carlisle (serving the poor in Jesus' name).

World Church - The Diocese of Maseno West – The Anglican Church of Kenya

**Week Fourteen Theme – Brampton Deanery
Sunday 6th April – 5th Sunday of Lent**

Deanery - for the new single mission community which is to cover the Brampton deanery area

God for All - pray for all in our local community who care for someone else, for practical acts of kindness, generosity and love.

World Church - Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Monday 7th April

Deanery - for Rural Dean Edward Johnsen, Lay Chair Chris Angus, Deanery Secretary David Bamford and new Deanery Treasurer Jim Johnson

World Church - The Diocese of Masindi-Kitara – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Bishop Rob – licensing of Gary Evans at Egremont

Tuesday 8th April

Deanery - for NYC leader Ruth Hutchinson, and for Network Youth Church groups meeting in Brampton and Longtown, especially for more volunteers

World Church - The Diocese of Massachusetts – The Episcopal Church

Wednesday 9th April

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Dietrich Bonhoeffer founded the Confessing Church in Germany in 1933, which was an underground church outlawed by the Nazis. Bonhoeffer is regarded by many as the most influential theologian of the twentieth century. In his letters from prison he foresaw the future church as embodying a new form of monasticism. His legacy is found in many different forms of prayer communities across the world.

Deanery - for Anna Chaplain Joan Routledge, for church led coffee mornings round the deanery, for the services in Green Lane Nursing home and in Bramble Court

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

Thursday 10th April

Deanery – for ‘Infinity’ in Scotby Parish

World Church – The Diocese of Masvingo – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Friday 11th April

Deanery - for God to call clergy to the vacancies in the deanery during 2025. For parish finances, for a growing generosity in giving. For the success of access projects planned in some churches.

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

Saturday 12th April

Deanery - for the development of the role of MC admin assistant, and for Gemma Brown in her current admin work. For the consolidation of the MC over time and blessing on ecumenical relationships.

World Church - The Diocese of Matana – The Anglican Church of Burundi

Week Fifteen Theme – Holy Week Sunday 13th April – 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 England

Bishop Rob – Preach at Emmanuel Theological College residential

Monday 14th April

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 Matlosane – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Tuesday 15th April

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 Mauritius – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Bishop Rob – Chrism Service and lunch at the Cathedral

Wednesday 16th April

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 Mbaise – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Maundy Thursday 17th April

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 Mbale – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Bishop Rob – Bishop’s Leadership Team Pastoral meeting

Good Friday 18th April

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 North Mbale – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Holy Saturday 19th April

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 Mbamili – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Bishop Rob – Confirmation Service at the Cathedral

**Week Sixteen Theme – Easter
Sunday 20th April – Easter Day**

Easter – for Easter Day, for the gift of Christ’s Risen Life, for the good news of life lived in all its fullness.

God for All - pray that we might learn to follow daily as the disciples of Jesus and make our personal prayer a priority everyday

World Church - Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Bishop Rob – Easter Morning service at the Cathedral

Easter Monday 21st April

St Anselm

Anselm was an Italian Benedictine who served as Archbishop of Canterbury to William II and Henry I. His influence on the church has been extensive through his writings, most notably his assertion that faith precedes reason.

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 Mbeere – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Tuesday 22nd 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 Mbashe – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Wednesday 23rd April

Easter – for those who are elderly in our congregations, giving thanks for a lifetime of witness to the resurrection and Gospel message of love.

World Church - The Diocese of Meath and Kildare – The Church of Ireland

Thursday 24th April

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

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

Friday 25th 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 Central Melanesia – The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Saturday 26th 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 Melbourne – The Anglican Church of Australia

Week Seventeen Theme – Central Lakes MC Sunday 27th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter

MC - for the churches of the Loughrigg team, the Hawkshead Benefice, Grasmere and Rydal Hall

God for All - pray that we might care deeply and that we may make our churches places of welcome and nurturing of one another.

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

Monday 28th April

St George (transferred from 23rd April due to Easter week)

St George was adopted as patron saint of England by Edward III. As a saint, he became the focus of devotion among many Crusaders, who adopted his badge on their shields and tabards, of a red cross on a white background.

MC – for Lawrence Basham, Andy Smith, John Dixon, Emily Bagg, Jane Natrass, Nick Hallam and all who take a leadership role

World Church - The Diocese of Meridional – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

Tuesday 29th April

St Mark the Evangelist (transferred from 25th April due to Easter week)

As one of the four Biblical Evangelists and an early disciple, Mark has been revered by the church since earliest days. His gospel is believed to be the teaching of St Peter with whom he is likely to have been martyred in Rome.

St Catherine of Siena

Catherine was a fourteenth century lay Dominican. Born in Siena she founded a community which lived below the cathedral. Her greatest work, *The Dialogue of Divine Providence*, has been enormously influential in the life of the Church. In 1999, she was proclaimed the patron saint of Europe by Pope John Paul II

MC - for Lego Church at Hawkshead and for work in the schools

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

Bishop Rob – Bishop's Leadership Team meeting

Wednesday 30th April

MC - for the work of the Parish Centre—that it would reach deeper into the social needs of the community, offering meaningful support and connection to those

who need it most. For the Community Soup Lunches and repair café in Hawkshead.

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

Thursday 1st May

St Philip and St James

St Philip and St James appear in the gospels as disciples of Jesus. They appear only briefly in the gospels, Philip asks a question of Jesus at the last supper and to distinguish him from James the brother of John, he is known as James the Less. The two of them are regarded as evangelists in the Orthodox Church in modern Turkey and around the Black Sea.

MC – for new prayer communities in Grasmere and Rydal, that they will be drawn into an ever deepening relationship with Jesus. For the congregational plant, which gathers at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays in Ambleside. Pray that it continues to grow as a welcoming and vibrant community of worship and discipleship.

World Church - The Diocese of Del Norte de México – La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

Bishop Rob – leading Calder Chapter Day at Rydal Hall

Friday 2nd May

MC – please hold before God a number of issues with church buildings across the Mission Community, and for a clear way forward to emerge.

World Church - The Diocese of Michigan – The Episcopal Church

Saturday 3rd May

MC - for Rydal Hall and its programme of retreats and quiet days to become a blessing to all ages in our mission community, diocese and wider region.

World Church - The Diocese of Eastern Michigan – The Episcopal Church

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)