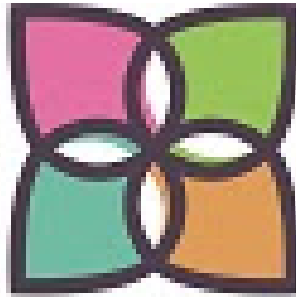


# Cumbria Prayer Diary



**Follow Daily** **Care Deeply**  
**Speak Boldly** **Tread Gently**

## MAY 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 Seventeen Theme – Central Lakes MC**  
**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> April**

**St George (transferred from 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

*Bishop Rob* – meeting with the Church of Scotland

## **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

### **St Mark the Evangelist (transferred from 25<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

*Bishop Rob – visit to Eaglesfield Paddle School*

### **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### **Week Eighteen Theme – Penrith Deanery Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

#### **English Saints of the Reformation**

Today we remember all those who lost their lives on all sides of the Reformation and repent of our disunity as a church.

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

*Deanery* - for the Ullswater, Blencathra, East of Eden and Penrith mission Communities and their combined mission as the Penrith mission Area

*World Church* - The Church of Ireland

### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

*Deanery* - for clergy and all lay ministers, PCC members and churchwardens; that there may be wise and Spirit-led thinking as we consider sustainable patterns of ministry.

*World Church* - The Diocese of Northern Michigan – The Episcopal Church

## **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

*Deanery* - for Emily Milburn (Network Youth Church Leader) and the future of that work currently based at 'The Gathering' in Penrith. For the development of local groups in villages. For the 'Messy Church' outreach established at Stainton and developing in Penrith.

*World Church* - The Diocese of Western Michigan – The Episcopal Church

*Bishop Rob* – BLT Residential

## **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

*Deanery* - for pastoral care across local care and nursing homes; the work of the Anna Chaplaincy and the outreach of 'The Tea Service' in Penrith

*World Church* - The Missionary District of Micronesia – The Episcopal Church

*Bishop Rob* – BLT Residential

## **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

### **Julian of Norwich**

Julian of Norwich was an English anchoress and an important Christian mystic and theologian. Her *Revelations of Divine Love*, written around 1395, is the first book in the English language known to have been

written by a woman. Julian was also known as a spiritual authority within her community, where she also served as a counsellor and advisor.

*Deanery* - for Rev Beth Honey and the work of RESTORE in Penrith and Restore-on-the-Road across the deanery. For the 'Worship Together' project at Christ Church, Penrith and the families being drawn to it.

*World Church* - The Diocese of Milwaukee – The Episcopal Church

*Bishop Rob* – BLT Residential and attending the VE 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary service at the Cathedral

### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

*Deanery* - for encouragement for very small rural churches and those working so hard to sustain them.

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

### **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

*Deanery* - for the development of an outreach to children through choir mission based in Penrith and the recruitment of a Children and Family worker. For wise deployment and successful recruiting of clergy.

*World Church* - The Diocese of Minnesota – The Episcopal Church

**Week Nineteen Theme – Christian Aid Week**  
**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*Christian Aid* – pray for all who are preaching for Christian Aid Week today.

*God for All* - pray that we might care deeply giving thanks for the Anna Chaplains and their work on behalf of those suffering from dementia

*World Church* - The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

*Christian Aid* – pray for God's blessing on all Christian Aid Week envelopes – that people may give generously to help those most in need

*World Church* - The Diocese of Mishamikoweesh – The Anglican Church of Canada

*Bishop Rob* – Annual staff day

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

*Christian Aid* – pray for all who will raise funds for Christian Aid Week

*World Church* - The Missionary District – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

*Bishop Rob* – God for All Strategy Group meeting

## **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

### **St Matthias the Apostle**

After the death of Judas, the disciples elected another to make up The Twelve, after prayer and drawing lots, Matthias was elected (Acts 1.21-26).

*Christian Aid* - pray that the Christian Aid Week devotional resources will encourage many to hold the poorest in their prayers.

*World Church* - The Diocese of Mississippi – The Episcopal Church

*Bishop Rob* – DBE Board meeting, Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel meeting and licensing of Allison Fenton at High Heskett

## **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

*Christian Aid* - pray for success and fun at all Christian Aid Week events.

*World Church* - The Diocese of Missouri – The Episcopal Church

*Bishop Rob* – BLT Pastoral meeting and Bishop's Council

## **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

*Christian Aid* - pray that the Christian Aid Week will encourage church partnerships overseas.

*World Church - The Diocese of West Missouri – The Episcopal Church*

### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

*Christian Aid* - pray for wisdom and clarity for all who will work in the Christian Aid Week help centre.

*World Church* - The Diocese of Mityana – The Church of the Province of Uganda

*Bishop Rob* – attending the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

### **Week Twenty Theme – Grasmoor MC**

#### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*MC* - for our ecumenical partners and their congregations. For St Aidan's, our new church plant

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

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

*Bishop Rob* – Attending General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

#### **St Dunstan (909 – 19 May 988)**

He was an English bishop and successively Abbot of Glastonbury Abbey, Bishop of Worcester, Bishop of London and Archbishop of Canterbury, later canonised

as a saint. His work restored monastic life in England and reformed the English Church.

*MC* - for our four curates as they complete their training and for those currently exploring a vocation to public ministry

*World Church* - The Diocese of Mombasa – The Anglican Church of Kenya

*Bishop Rob* – attending the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

## **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

### **St Alcuin**

St Alcuin was an English scholar, clergyman, poet and teacher from York, Northumbria. At the invitation of Charlemagne, he became a leading scholar and teacher at the Carolingian court, where he remained a figure in the 780s and '90s.

*MC* - for our monthly Messy Church and those who lead it. For the ten schools in our Mission Community and our ministry to and through them

*World Church* - The Diocese of Monmouth – The Church in Wales

*Bishop Rob* – House of Bishops

## **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

*MC* - for our new Comfort Café, accompanying and supporting those navigating a grief journey

*World Church* - The Diocese of Montana – The Episcopal Church

*Bishop Rob* – House of Bishops

### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

*MC* - for the Poiema Community and Retreat House, based in Loweswater Vicarage

*World Church* - The Diocese of Montreal – The Anglican Church of Canada

*Bishop Rob* – House of Bishops

### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

*MC* - for people who will have the skills and willingness to take on the responsibility of Parish Safeguarding Officer

*World Church* - The Diocese of Moosonee – The Anglican Church of Canada

*Bishop Rob* – attending the Baby Memorial dedication service in Kendal

### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

#### **John and Charles Wesley**

Best remembered as the founders of the worldwide Methodist church, despite both remaining members of the Church of England throughout their lives. On this day in 1745 they attended St Aldgate's Church, and

during the service were inspired and motivated to begin their mission within England.

*MC* - for our new Community Chaplain at the beginning of her ministry

*World Church* - The Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness – The Scottish Episcopal Church

*Bishop Rob* – attending the Millom War Memorial Re-dedication service

**Week Twenty One Theme – Partners in World Mission and Thy Kingdom Come**  
**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**The Venerable Bede**

Bede, also known as Saint Bede, Venerable Bede, and Bede the Venerable, was an English monk at the monastery of Jarrow. Bede completed some 40 works in his busy life, none more important than History of the English Church.

*PiWM* – for the projects being supported by the Bishop's Harvest Appeal, for Bishop Peter in chairing the PIWM group and all its members.

*Vision* – for the preparations for Thy Kingdom Come, and for those who we pray for to know Jesus in their lives and to come to faith.

*World Church* - The Anglican Church of Kenya

*Bishop Rob* – preaching at Trinity Hall, Cambridge

## **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

### **St Augustine of Canterbury**

Pope Gregory sent Augustine on a mission to evangelise the Anglo-Saxons. After a dramatic meeting in 597 on the Isle of Thanet, King Ethelbert of Kent gave the monks a building outside Canterbury's walls and was converted to Christianity. Augustine was the first Archbishop of Canterbury.

*PiWM* – for our link diocese of Stavanger, for Bishop Anne Lise and our links with the Norwegian Lutheran Church. For the Norwegian Mission Society and the NMS chair Helga Gard.

*World Church* - The Diocese of Port Moresby – The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

## **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

*PiWM* - for our three link dioceses of North Argentina, Stavanger and Zululand, their link chairs and groups

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

## **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

*PiWM* - for the missionary organisations CMS, Mothers' Union and USPG, for our diocesan representatives and all the parishes that support of these organisations.

*World Church* - The Diocese of Morogoro – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

**Thy Kingdom Come**

**Ascension Day**

The fourth holiest day in the Church's Year, the celebration of 'Jesus the man' going to be with God. This festival completes Christmas, God who comes to live a human life now brings his humanity back into the Trinity.

*Thy Kingdom Come* – for the national leadership and for the conversion of our nation.

*World Church* - The Diocese of Mount Kenya Central –  
The Anglican Church of Kenya

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May**

**Josephine Butler** (1828 –1906) Josephine was an English social reformer in the Victorian era. She campaigned for women's suffrage, the right of women to better education, the abolition of child prostitution, and an end to human trafficking of young women and children into prostitution and campaigned to raise the age of consent.

*Thy Kingdom Come* – for our friends and family, praying for those who we know to come to faith and to be Christ's disciples

*World Church* - The Diocese of Mount Kenya South –  
The Anglican Church of Kenya

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

**The Visitation**

The story of the visitation by Mary to her cousin Elizabeth is the first account of Mary's child being recognised as the Christ. (Luke 1:39-56)

*Thy Kingdom Come* – give thanks for our local prayer groups and their vital work for the sake of the gospel.

*World Church* - The Diocese of Mount Kenya West –  
The Anglican Church of Kenya

**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)