

# Cumbria Prayer Diary



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## JUNE 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 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 its General Secretary Helge Gaard.

*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 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

**Week Twenty Two Theme – Thy Kingdom Come**  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Sunday after Ascension**

**Justin, Martyr**

Justin lived in the second century and is best known for the early Christian text that lays out the principles for an ethical Christian morality. He was martyred under the reign of Marcus Aurelius for teaching the morality of the faith was more important than that of the Empire.

*Prayer for Thy Kingdom Come*

Almighty God,  
your ascended Son has sent us into the world  
to preach the good news of your kingdom:  
inspire us with your Spirit  
and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,  
that all who hear your Word  
may be drawn to you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

*World Church* - The Anglican Church of Korea

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

*Thy Kingdom Come* – for a moving of the Holy Spirit  
across our country

*World Church* - The Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro – The  
Anglican Church of Tanzania

## **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

*Thy Kingdom Come* – for those who are being prayed for at this time and for all who are being drawn close to the faith and God's Kingdom

*World Church* - The Diocese of Mpumalanga – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

*Bishop Rob* – Bishops' meeting in Canterbury

## **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

*Thy Kingdom Come* – for wisdom and strength for church leaders as to how they carry out their ministries at this time.

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

*Bishop Rob* – Bishops' meeting in Canterbury

## **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

*MC* - pray for our new dementia friendly tea service which is held once a month and led by different denominations within the mission community each time. We give thanks for those who come and those who help and thank God for his blessing on this community.

*World Church* - The Diocese of Mthatha – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

*Bishop Rob* – Bishops' meeting in Canterbury

## **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

*MC* - pray that the Lord will raise up more workers for the harvest.

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

*Bishop Rob* – 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Stavanger Diocese, Norway

## **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

*MC* - pray that God will keep blessing what we do in his name as we seek to extend his kingdom in this place.

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

*Bishop Rob* – 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Stavanger Diocese, Norway

## **Week Twenty Three Theme – Renewal**

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Pentecost**

#### **Pentecost**

At Pentecost we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the disciples gathered in Jerusalem, giving them courage and faith to preach the gospel to all nations. It is sometimes traditionally understood as 'the birthday of the church'.

**Thomas Ken** – Thomas was an English cleric who was considered the most eminent of the English non-juring bishops, and one of the fathers of modern English



hymnody. Thomas died in 1711 at Longleat, he was buried at the Church of St John the Baptist, Frome.

*Renewal* – for our churches and the renewal of our mission by the Holy Spirit

*World Church* - The Anglican Church of Melanesia

*Bishop Rob* – 900th anniversary of Stavanger Diocese, Norway

## **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

**St Columba (Columcille)** – evangelist of the British Isles. He studied in monastic schools and received bardic training in Irish poetry and literature in Donegal. For fifteen years he preached and founded monasteries in Ireland. After a tribal war he had to leave Ireland and arrived at Iona then evangelised the Picts and inspired those who evangelized England and Wales.

*Renewal* – for our witness to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives

*World Church* - The Diocese of Multan – The Church of Pakistan (United)

## **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

*Renewal* – for the healing of the Holy Spirit to bring healing

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

## **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

### **St Barnabas**

St Barnabas' original name was Joseph, but the Apostles named him Barnabas ("son of encouragement") Acts 4.36-37. He went with Paul to Antioch and later to Cyprus with John Mark while Paul took Silas. Barnabas may have been martyred in Salamis by stoning.

*Renewal* - for the eyes of faith to recognise the work of the Holy Spirit in our local community

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

*Bishop Rob* – attending a Consecration service at York Minster

## **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

*Renewal* – for the gift of discernment to know the work of the Holy Spirit in our national life

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

## **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

*Renewal* – for a spirit of penance that we might lament the failure of the church to open to the Holy Spirit

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

## **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

*Renewal* - for the Holy Spirit to inspire and encourage us

*World Church* - The Diocese of Murang'a South – The Anglican Church of Kenya

## **Week Twenty Four Theme – Whitehaven MC Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Trinity Sunday**

**Evelyn Underhill** – Evelyn was born 6 December 1875 and died 15 June 1941. She was an English Anglo-Catholic writer known for her numerous works on religion, spiritual practice and Christian matters. Her legacy is greatest in her book 'Mysticism', encouraging a revival in Spiritual Direction and her 1928 revision of the Book of Common Prayer.

*MC* - for the URC church in Whitehaven, Hensingham Methodists, St. James, St. Peter's and the Salvation Army in Whitehaven. We give thanks for the faithful fellowship of all our congregations and for our unity. We pray for our Away Day later this year that that will be a time of refreshment and new relationships between our congregations will be formed.

*World Church* - La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

*Bishop Rob* – Confirmation service at St Michael and All Angels, Beetham and Licensing Service for Pete Gunstone as Precentor at Carlisle Cathedral

## **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

*MC* - pray that our fellowship and friendship will continue to deepen as we work and worship together.

*World Church* - The Diocese of the Murray – The Anglican Church of Australia

## **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

*MC* - we pray for all our activities in the town with children and young people and thank God that we can welcome so many families to our toddler groups, toddler services, and Sunday Schools. We pray that all will find a welcome and discover more of God's love for them.

*World Church* - The Diocese of Muyinga – The Anglican Church of Burundi

## **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

*MC* - pray for our drop ins and that the Lord will raise up more people to help run these gatherings where friendship and community are nurtured.

*World Church* - The Diocese of Myitkyina – The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

*Bishop Rob* – BLT Pastoral meeting, Steering Committee and Diocesan Synod

## **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

*MC* - we ask for prayer for our new dementia friendly tea service which is held once a month and led by different denominations within the mission community each time.

We give thanks for those who come and those who help and thank God for his blessing on this community.

*World Church* - The Diocese of Mzimvubu – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

*Bishop Rob* – BLT meeting

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

*MC* - we pray that the Lord will raise up more workers for the harvest.

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

### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

*MC* - pray that God will keep blessing what we do in his name as we seek to extend his kingdom in this place.

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

### **Week Twenty Five Theme – Two Rivers MC Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**St Alban** - Saint Alban is venerated as the first recorded British Christian martyr and is one of four named martyrs recorded from Roman Britain. He is traditionally believed to have been beheaded in the Roman city of Verulamium sometime during the 3rd or 4th century.

MC – for Carlisle Methodist Church, Newtown and Wigton Road, St James Carlisle, St Michael's Stanwix, St Mark's Belah, St Luke's Morton, St Barnabas

*Vision* - pray for our life as Christ's disciples that we might follow daily in our lives, in prayer and service

*World Church* - Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

### **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

MC - for Rev David Newlove, Deacon Mark Attwood, Revd Iain McIntyre, Revd Amanda Quinn, Revd Nina Orchard, Revd Simon Bickersteth and Samuel & Karla Coswig (NYC)

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

### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

#### **The Birth of John the Baptist**

'Zechariah asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God'. (Luke 1:63,64)

MC – for our work with uniformed organisations and their families; Toddler Groups; Messy Church; T&SB's; Network Youth Church; After School Drop In

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

### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

*MC* - for Tuesday Lunch Club at Wigton Road; Tuesday Sewing Club at Newtown; Renew Wellbeing Café – Cornerstone and the Community Shed on Shaddongate

*World Church* - The Diocese of Namibia – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

*Bishop Rob* – lunch with Ordinands at the Fraternity

### **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

*MC* - our monthly Revive contemporary worship service at Wigton Road; Re:Fresh, fortnightly worship at Newtown; Messy Church

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

*Bishop Rob* – Ordinands' retreat

### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

*MC* – for the growing burden placed on fewer people to maintain our current model and pattern of ministry and for our elderly congregations

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

*Bishop Rob* – Emmanuel Theological College Members' meeting and Ordination retreat

## **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

*MC* - for a growing vision of flourishing church across the city; the Mission Community Weekend in July; Revd Nigel Rodgers, moving to Carlisle in August to succeed the Revd David Newlove and for Revd David Newlove & Deacon Mark Attwood, moving to new roles in August

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

*Bishop Rob* – Ordination of Deacons and Priests at Carlisle Cathedral

## **Week Twenty Six Theme – Burton and Holme MC Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

### **St Peter**

Peter, and his brother Andrew, worked as fishermen on the Lake of Galilee. After sharing in the ministry, life and death of Jesus, Peter was the first to address the crowd on the day of Pentecost and undertook the first mission outside Israel to Samaria. He had the revelation that Gentiles must be received into the church as well as Jews and went on missions to Antioch, Corinth and to Rome, where he was martyred about 64 or 65AD.

*MC* - give thanks for the faithful congregations at Holy Trinity Holme and St James Burton, and for their loving partnership in the Gospel with each other, and with mission partners further afield.

*Vision* - pray that we might care deeply and that we may make our churches places of welcome



*World Church - The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)*

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

*MC* - pray for Rev Graham Burrows, Churchwardens Brian Whalley, Neville Pereira and Charlie Jeffries, the two PCCs and the occasional preachers and leaders - that God's Word would shape us as stewards in God's Household.

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

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

*MC* - give thanks for our enthusiastic Open the Book team and their ministry in Burton Morewood school. Pray for our Lego Builders events to make Christ known to families.

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

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 - thank God for our Pastoral Visiting team and pray that we will help people to keep running the race, even in trials, looking to Christ.

*World Church* - The Diocese of Natal – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

### **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

MC - give thanks for those who have recently come to trust in Christ and submit to him. Pray for ideas for a new 'Family Worship' monthly event to come to fruition.

*World Church* - The Area Mission in Navajoland – The Episcopal Church

### **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

MC - pray for families lost in a culture that sees no need of Christ's rescue, and who make no connection between what they worship and the emptiness in their lives and their children's lives. Pray for families to come to love Jesus above all else.

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

### **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 - thank God for the growing small group who meet to pray each week for the people of our parishes and our ministry among them. Pray for success in implementing the 6 aims of our new 2-year Mission Action Plan.

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

### **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)