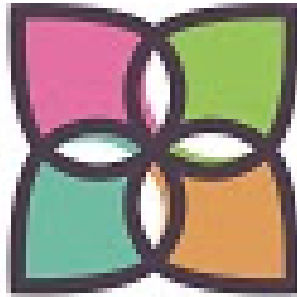


# Cumbria Prayer Diary



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## JULY 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 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**

*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**

#### **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* - 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 4<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 5<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 courage and 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

## **Week Twenty Seven Theme – The National Church Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

*National Church* – for the Provinces of Canterbury and York, Archbishop Stephen, his office and provincial staff and for the CNC panel for the next Archbishop of Canterbury. For the national denominations, The Church of Scotland, the Episcopal Church of Scotland and the Church in Wales.

*World Church* - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

### **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Nebraska – The Episcopal Church

### **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Nelson – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

### **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

*National Church* - pray for Bishop Graham, the church's lead on the environment, for Dr Richard Waller the

diocesan environmental officer and Mia Messenger, the diocesan Net Zero officer.

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

### **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

*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 New Bussa – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

### **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Churches Together in England and in Britain and Ireland. For the Retreat Association and The Association for Promoting Retreats and for all who promote the value of retreat, prayer and quiet reflection in the context of everyday life.

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

## **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

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

*World Church* - The Diocese of New Hampshire – The Episcopal Church

## **Week Twenty Eight Theme – Furness MC Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

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

*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 North India (United)

## **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

### **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 those exploring ordination, and those becoming members of PCCs. For Revd. Richard Bunday; Revd. Tom (+ Sam) Sample; Revd. Vic (+ Martin) Sekasi; Revd. Madi (+ James) Simpson and Revd Graham Tate (+ Margaret)



*World Church* - The Diocese of New Jersey – The Episcopal Church

## **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 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 New Westminster – The Anglican Church of Canada

## **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

*MC* - for Messy Church in Dalton, Ireleth and Askham. For youth groups in Broughton, Coniston, Ulverston, and outreach to schools. For the strengthening of schools' work across the mission community.

*World Church* - The Diocese of Central New York – The Episcopal Church

## **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

*MC* - for Sunday night Café Church at UPC, and for Spirit-led direction. For the new season of Bikers Breakfast at Torver village.

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

### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

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

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

### **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

*MC* - for rural churches who feel at risk. 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 Newcastle (Australia) – The Anglican Church of Australia

### **Week Twenty Nine Theme – Holidays Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

*Holidays* – for Holiday Clubs being held this summer and for all those leading them, for all those young people attending and their families

*God for All* – for this time of holiday that we might be refreshed, rested and renewed and enjoy time with family and friends

*World Church - The Church of Pakistan (United)*

### **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

*Holidays* - give thanks for the Sabbath time in our lives, the opportunity to rest and to be renewed and to slow the pace of our lives

*World Church* - The Diocese of Newcastle (England) – The Church of England

### **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

*Holidays* - for all who are offering accommodation and hospitality to holiday makers and welcoming visitors to Cumbria

*World Church* - The Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador – The Anglican Church of Canada

### **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

*Holidays* - for all businesses catering for tourism in Cumbria, for the opportunity to welcome visitors again and the assistance to local employment

*World Church* - The Diocese of Central Newfoundland – The Anglican Church of Canada

## **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July**

*Holidays* – for all those travelling this summer, that all may travel safely and for the work of those who maintain our roads, rail and air networks

*World Church* - The Diocese of Western Newfoundland  
– The Anglican Church of Canada

## **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Holidays* - for all those staying at home, that they might find some peace and quiet, and feel refreshed and renewed by their time off

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

## **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

*Holidays* – for all families that this might be a time to meet up again and renew relationships between family members once again.

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

## **Week Thirty Theme – Evangelism**

### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

#### **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.

*Evangelism* - give thanks for the Celtic saints of the fifth to eighth century who faced many dangers in order to bring the good news of Jesus.

*God for All* - pray that we might care deeply, for the work of CTiC in many areas of social justice and give thanks for the Anna Chaplains and their work on behalf of those suffering from dementia.

*World Church* - The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

#### **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

*Evangelism* - for the presence of the prayerful communities rooted in the teachings of St Augustine and St Benedict, for the place of prayer in the lives of people in the county for the last sixteen centuries

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

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

*Evangelism* - for the Salvation Army, especially in Cumbria, and their witness to the faith among the most needy and hard pressed and the practical witness to the love of Jesus

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

### **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July**

#### **William Wilberforce**

William Wilberforce is remembered for his fight against the injustices of slavery and racism. He, with the members of the Clapham Sect, especially Thomas Clackson, Hannah Moore and John Newton campaigned for the end to slavery. His life's work culminated in the passing of a law banning the transportation of slaves on any British ships in 1807.

*Evangelism* - for the faith of the Church of England in Cumbria and the establishment of parish churches, with the ethos of care for the whole community

*World Church* - The Diocese on the Niger – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

### **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

*Evangelism* - for the witness of John Wesley and the conference of preachers, for all who are rooted in evangelisation and praying for conversion

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

### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August**

*Evangelism* - for all churches in Cumbria and all Christian people that together we might pray for the conversion of our county to the faith.

*World Church* - The Diocese of Niger Delta North – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**

*Evangelism* - for those who we know who are seeking a faith, that we might be faithful witnesses to the Gospel in thought, word and deed

*World Church* - The Diocese of Niger Delta West – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

## **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)