

Cumbria Prayer Diary



Follow Daily Care Deeply
Speak Boldly Tread Gently

SEPTEMBER 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 Thirty Five Theme – Schools
Sunday 31st August – 11th Sunday after Trinity

St Aidan

Aidan is often referred to as the 'Apostle of the English'. He founded the community at Lindisfarne, and his gentle witness to the faith inspired the conversion of most English-speaking peoples. A passionate opponent of slavery he freed many children and education was at the heart of his communities

Schools - for all children preparing to return to school during the coming weeks, especially for those who are moving schools and will be making new friends

Vision - pray that we might care deeply and that we may make our churches places of welcome and nurturing of one another, looking out for those who are isolated and alone and coming alongside those who are vulnerable and in need.

World Church - The Church of South India (United)

Monday 1st September

Schools - for all staff at our local schools, giving thanks for their dedication, service, skills and knowledge

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

Bishop Rob – Confirmation of Election as the Bishop of Carlisle at York Minster

Tuesday 2nd September

Schools - for all governors and professionals supporting our schools, we give thanks for their willingness to give time and of themselves in support of our children

World Church – The Diocese of Okene – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Wednesday 3rd September

Gregory the Great

'Not Angles but Angels', is a pun that works in both Latin and English. It is Pope Gregory's alleged words in Rome that prompted the mission of St Augustine of Canterbury in 597. St Gregory, a wise and kindly Bishop of Rome, is remembered fondly on this day.

Schools - for the DBE, for Andrew Towner as Chair, and Charlotte Tudway as Director and the Schools and Education team working at Church House

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

Bishop Rob – Licensing of Ben Phillips at Lanercost

Thursday 4th September

St Birinus

The seventh century Birinus was one of the first English Bishops. His community was based on the banks of the river Thames and he laid the foundation for St Chad in converting Mercia and Wessex to faith. He is the first known follower of St Benedict's rule in England.

Schools - for families of children at our schools, for the support parents give to staff and for the community of our church schools

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

Bishop Rob – Steering Committee

Friday 5th September

Schools - for the work of the National Society of Education, for its chair Nigel Genders and their support of the diocesan boards of education

World Church – The Diocese of Okigwe – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Saturday 6th September

Schools - for all volunteers who support local schools, through working in classes, fund raising and providing local meals for children

World Church – The Diocese of Okigwe South – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Week Thirty Six Theme – Bishop's Harvest Appeal Sunday 7th September – 12th Sunday after Trinity

Harvest – for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal. We give thanks for the money raised in 2024 and the projects that were supported.

God for All - pray for all those on the Bishop's Council

World Church - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Bishop Rob – Consecration of the Churchyard at St Cuthbert's, Dufton and opening of Crosscrake Community Hub

Monday 8th September

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

There are many days in the Church's Year to celebrate Mary, the mother of Jesus. Over the centuries today has been a special celebration in the English Church. Many churches in England are dedicated to the Nativity of Mary. Today we give thanks for her earthly life, her faith and love.

Harvest – for partnership with Christian Aid in Burkina Faso to help women receive a starter flock of poultry which provides an income and nutritious food for their families.

World Church - The Diocese of Okinawa – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Tuesday 9th September

Harvest – for partnership with the Church Mission Society in Northern Argentina to train indigenous people to be church leaders.

World Church - The Diocese of Oklahoma – The Episcopal Church

Bishop Rob – College of Bishops

Wednesday 10th September

Harvest – for the work of the Cumbrian Development Education Centre and Carlisle One World Centre who will also benefit from the Bishop's Harvest Appeal.

World Church – The Diocese of Okrika – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Bishop Rob - College of Bishops

Thursday 11th September

Harvest – for our local schools and their harvest celebrations, giving thanks for our children's concern for the environment and care of creation.

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

Bishop Rob - College of Bishops

Friday 12th September

Harvest – for Harvest Festivals to be celebrated in our churches and parishes over this month, especially remembering Cumbrian farmers, those who work on the land and the challenges they face.

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

Saturday 13th September

St John Chrysostom

One of the four Greek Fathers of the Christian Church. One of the most influential preachers of the fourth century church, his sermons are still available to read. His clear and concise message of living out our daily discipleship resulted in his name 'the golden mouth'.

Harvest – for the Partnership in World Mission Group, and for Bishop Peter in his charring and for Bishop John as he takes on this role next year.

World Church - The Diocese of Olympia – The Episcopal Church

Week Thirty Seven Theme – Ullswater MC Sunday 14th September – 13th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Cross Day

In the Church's Year there are several days when we are encouraged to remember Christ crucified. Holy Cross is a day when we remember the victory of the cross and celebrate our salvation in Jesus Christ.

MC – for St Andrew's Dacre, Matterdale, All Saints Watermillock, St Michael's Barton, St Paul's Pooley Bridge, St Peter's and St Martin's, Martindale and St Patrick's Patterdale.

World Church - The Anglican Church of South America

Bishop Rob – Preaching at Dalston and Raughton Head

Monday 15th September

St Cyprian

Third century Bishop of Carthage, who was known for the way he opposed various heresies. During his episcopate, many died due to plague but such was his compassion and care that it came to be known as 'Cyprian's plague'. During the persecution of Emperor Valerian, he was executed and his burial site became an important shrine in the fourth century.

MC - pray for Rev Cathy Helm, Rev Geoff Withers, Rev Andrew Callaway, Rev Lindsay Harrod and Rev Gordon Dugmore

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

Bishop Rob – Bishop's Leadership Team meeting

Tuesday 16th September

St Ninian

Ninian was born at the end of the fourth century and trained in Rome. He returned home to Galloway and founded his community at Whithorn. His pattern of community was copied by Patrick and Columba. Ninian introduced the practice of prayer from the desert teachers and the priority of John's Gospel. He is the founding saint of Christianity in Britain and Ireland.

MC – for the staff and young people of Yanwath Primary School, giving thanks for the development of a deeper

relationship and emerging links with the wider community. For all involved with Patterdale CofE Primary school and the Stainton youth club.

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

Wednesday 17th September

St Hildegard

Benedictine nun from the twelfth century, Hildegard's poems and songs made her very influential in the church. Her spirituality was rooted in 'the living light' of Jesus in every human life. Her visions of the light of Christ have inspired Christians throughout the centuries.

MC - pray for discernment and wisdom as we seek to explore fresh ways to enrich our congregations and to evolve and to grow a sustainable Christian community empowered with hope for the future.

World Church - The Diocese of Ontario – The Anglican Church of Canada

Bishop Rob – Finance Committee and Bishop's Council

Thursday 18th September

MC – for those visiting around the Lake, that they may find rest, spiritual fulfilment and experience something of the rich and loving presence of God in this place.

World Church - The Diocese of Oregon – The Episcopal Church

Bishop Rob – Bishop's Leadership Team Pastoral meeting

Friday 19th September

Archbishop Theodore

Theodore of Tarsus arrived in 669 and was the first Archbishop recognised by all the churches of England. During his time, he organised the English church into dioceses, which still form the basis of our provincial and diocesan structures.

MC - we pray that people will not be fearful of change and will embrace new ways of being church in our communities and around the lake.

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

Saturday 20th September

MC - pray for God's blessing as we reach out to neighbouring parishes to widen our mission community.

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

Week Thirty Eight Theme – Furness Deanery

Sunday 21st September – 14th Sunday after Trinity

St Matthew the Apostle

Levi was one of the disciples called by Jesus and as a tax collector the story of his conversion shows the love of God for even those hated by society. His gospel was supported by the church at Antioch at the Council of

Laodicea and listed as one of the four canonical gospels. As a result Matthew is one of the Four Evangelists usually represented in icons by the ox.

MC - for the future appointment of a Mission Community Leader for Furness Mission Community. For our ecumenical partners and ministers.

World Church - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Monday 22nd September

MC - for Revd. Richard Bunday; Revd. Tom and Sam Sample; Revd. Vic and Martin Sekasi; Revd. Madi and James Simpson; Revd. Brian Streeter; Revd Graham and Margeret Tate.

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

Bishop Rob – licensing of Edward Johnsen at St John's Upperby

Tuesday 23rd September

MC - for UPC Café Church as it includes a youth-focussed gathering. For Emma Taplin as Children's and Families Worker. For opportunities to share faith with Broughton Youth Group and the possibility of running Youth alpha.

World Church - The Diocese of Osaka – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Wednesday 24th September

MC - for Messy Church in Thwaites for people to come to faith. For Messy Church in Dalton, Ireleth and Askham. For youth groups in Broughton, Coniston, Ulverston, and outreach to schools. For the bereavement course running at the Broughton churches.

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

Thursday 25th September

MC - for the UPC launch of 5 missional 'vision objectives'. For a new service launching in Kirkby Ireleth for families.

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

Bishop Rob – Mission Community Leaders' Day

Friday 26th September

Wilson Carlile

Wilson Carlile founded the Church Army who inspired a generation of evangelists. His goal was to establish a network of local evangelists working in the poorest areas.

MC - for suitable candidates for the Network Youth Church Worker role, and other positions as they become vacant. For treasurers where there are vacancies,

For the appointment of an administrator to serve in Low Furness and the Duddon Estuary and for God's provision for this post.

World Church - The Diocese of Osun North East – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Saturday 27th September

St Vincent de Paul

Vincent de Paul was a seventeenth century French Roman Catholic priest who was well known for his care of the poorest. In 1617 he founded a community to care for those in need. The Society of St Vincent de Paul was created following his death in 1660 which now works as a lay community in over 150 countries providing local practical help to those in need.

MC - for volunteer training at UPC. For the steering committee as it continues to co-ordinate and oversee a consistent, joined-up children's and youth work across the full age spectrum.

World Church - The Diocese of Ottawa – The Anglican Church of Canada

Bishop Rob – Readers' licensing service at the Cathedral

Week Thirty Nine Theme – Cumbria's Foodbanks Sunday 28th September – 15th Sunday after Trinity

Foodbanks – we pray the for the county's foodbanks and their work with those in need

God for All – for the importance of Caring Deeply,
especially for all those facing severe financial pressures

World Church - Province of the Episcopal Church of
Sudan

Monday 29th September

St Michael and All Angels

Michaelmas is one of the four traditional quarter days
and a time when we give thanks for the whole host of
heaven, God's kingdom and the gifts of the Spirit
throughout creation.

Foodbanks – give thanks for all those who freely give
their time to serve in the county's foodbanks and pray
for more volunteers

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

Tuesday 30th September

St Jerome

Jerome was born in modern Slovenia and was a scholar
who converted to Christianity following a serious illness
in Antioch. As a close friend of Bishop Paulinus of
Antioch, he set about his life's work of translating into
Latin the newly authorised canon of scripture. The
Vulgate was completed in 405, just five years after the
final canonical list of the Bible was agreed.

Foodbanks – pray that there may be enough food
donated so that each foodbank would have enough to
serve those in need

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

Bishop Rob – attending the Bishop's Public Witness Conference

Wednesday 1st October

Foodbanks – we pray for those that access the foodbank's services that they may be feel seen, valued, loved and not judged.

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

Bishop Rob – attending the Bishop's Public Witness Conference

Thursday 2nd October

Foodbanks – we pray for those that work in the warehouses and the van drivers that they may be kept safe in their work.

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

Bishop Rob – attending the Bishop's Public Witness Conference

Friday 3rd October

Foodbanks – pray for those that offer financial advice and those that work in the administration of the foodbanks

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

Saturday 4th October

Foodbanks – for the work of the Trussell Trust nationally as they seek to campaign about food poverty

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

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)