

# Cumbria Prayer Diary



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## NOVEMBER 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 Forty Three Theme – Children and Youth**  
**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

C&Y - pray for our children and young people across the diocese

*Diocese* – for the Bishop's Council and Diocesan Synod, for the diocesan staff and for decisions to be made about the future, asking for the gift of discernment

*World Church* - The Church in Wales

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

C&Y - pray for this time of rest and refreshment for both children and teachers at half term

*World Church* - The Diocese of Northern Philippines – The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

**St Simon and St Jude**

Simon and Jude are two of the disciples of Jesus. Little is known about them. The iconography of St Simon always shows him with a saw, the instrument of his martyrdom. Jude has from the fifth century been the patron saint of lost causes.

C&Y - pray for those leading children's and youth work in our churches across the diocese. Give them energy and enthusiasm as they teach our children about Jesus.

*World Church* - The Diocese of Southern Philippines – The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

C&Y - pray for our Diocesan Board of Education and its work. For Charlotte Tudway, Diocesan Director of Education and her team.

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

*Bishop Rob* – day in Penrith deanery and Penrith Deanery Synod

### **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

C&Y - pray for the Headteachers and staff of the 104 church schools across Cumbria

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

*Bishop Rob* – day in Appleby deanery and Appleby Deanery Synod

### **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

C&Y - give thanks for Cumbria's Network Youth Church and pray for its leaders and volunteers

*World Church* The Diocese of Polynesia – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

### **Martin Luther**

Luther was the inspiration of the 16<sup>th</sup> century protestant reformation and one of the most influential figures in the

history of Christianity. A strong character, his life remains controversial, but he is remembered as the founder of the worldwide Lutheran church. In his translation of the German Bible, Luther was the first to use chapter and verse numbers throughout the whole text.

## **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

### **All Saints**

Today we remember All Saints, the whole company of the faithful who have gone before us and given an example of lives lived according to Christ's example. The saints are not worshipped themselves of course, but their lives are remembered as examples of God's grace and offer to us encouragement as Christ's disciples in our own lives.

C&Y - we pray for safety for our children and youth in this digital age and against online bullying and loneliness

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

## **Week Forty Four Theme – East of Eden MC** **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent**

### **Commemoration of the Faithful Departed**

The celebration of All Souls dates from the fourth century, when many of those who had been martyred for the faith were remembered the day after All Saints. The day is observed worldwide now for all those who have died in faith and whose examples we wish to remember.

*MC* - for St Nicholas Lazonby; St Oswald Kirkoswald; St Cuthbert Great Salkeld; All Saints Renwick; St Peter Langwathby, All Saints Culgaith, St Michael Addingham; St Cuthbert Edenhall; St John Melmerby; St Luke Ousby; St Lawrence Kirkland and St John Skirwith.

*God for All* - pray for those developing new Fresh Expressions at this time, particularly the high number seeking to engage with mental health and wellbeing work across the county and seeking to support people as best as they can.

*World Church* - The Church of the Province of West Africa

## **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

### **Richard Hooker**

Hooker's belief in the threefold basis of all doctrine in scripture, tradition and reason remains the basis of the Anglican Communion's understanding of systematic theology.

*MC* - Revd Becky Richards will be licensed as part-time Associate Minister on 1<sup>st</sup> December. Pray for her future ministry in the Mission Community. Pray too for Becky and her husband Rob as they prepare to move from Lichfield Diocese to Langwathby in coming weeks.

*World Church* - The Diocese of Portsmouth – The Church of England

*Bishop Rob* - day in Windermere deanery and Windermere Deanery Synod

## **Tuesday 4th November**

*MC* - pray for the Open the Book project in local schools and the new Youth Club in Kirkoswald.

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

*Bishop Rob* - day in Solway deanery and Solway Deanery Synod

## **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

*MC* - pray for the new pastoral visiting team providing friendship and support to parishioners.

*World Church* - The Diocese of Puerto Rico – The Episcopal Church

*Bishop Rob* – day in Furness deanery and Furness Deanery Synod

## **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

*MC* – pray for wisdom and grace as the PCCs of the Mission Community explore ways in which they can work together in future.

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

*Bishop Rob* – day in Derwent deanery and Derwent Deanery Synod

## **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

### **St Willibrord**

Known as the Apostle of the Frisians he became the first bishop of Utrecht. Originally from Northumbria he was one of the leaders of the seventh century missionary movement from the English church which converted the pagan tribes of what is now the Netherlands and Northern Germany.

*MC* - pray that the EEMC Quiet Day will help us build stronger and healthier relationships with each other.

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

## **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

*MC* - pray for the new ecumenical team of ordained and lay leaders in the EEMC as we develop new patterns of ministry and mission together.

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

*Bishop Rob* – BLT meeting

### **Week Forty Five Theme – Interfaith Week**

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent**

*Remembrance Sunday* – today we remember all those who have lost their lives in wars, from every race, religion and nationality, praying for the peace of the world.

*Interfaith* - we remember those who work for greater understanding between those of different faith traditions and for greater respect between those of different faiths

*World Church* - The Church in the Province of the West Indies

## **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

### **St Leo the Great**

He was Bishop of Rome from 29 September 440 until his death in 461. He saved Rome from invasion and successfully defended faith in the two natures of Christ. One of the most important ancient teachers of the doctrine of the Incarnation.

*Interfaith* – we pray for this national interfaith week, for those of other faiths living in our community, for greater respect and understanding between those of different faith backgrounds.

*World Church* - The Diocese of Qu'Appelle – The Anglican Church of Canada

*Bishop Rob* – day in Barrow deanery and Barrow Deanery Synod

## **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Armistice Day**

### **St Martin of Tours**

The fourth century soldier saint, famous for the story of his compassion on a poor beggar. His community at Marmoutier was the inspiration for St Ninian and St Patrick in developing distinctive 'celtic' communities and

life of prayer. There are high crosses dedicated to St Martin at Garton, Iona, Kells and Lindisfarne.

*Remembrance* – we pray for the Royal British Legion and all charities supporting veterans, remembering all those still suffering from the physical, mental and spiritual scars of war.

*Interfaith* – for different faith groups in the county and for the groups who meet and support one another.

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

*Bishop Rob* – day in Kendal deanery and Kendal Deanery Synod

### **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

*Interfaith* – for different places of worship locally and the faith groups who attend

*World Church* - The Diocese of North Queensland – The Anglican Church of Australia

*Bishop Rob* – day in Calder deanery and Calder Deanery Synod

### **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

*Interfaith* – we remember all those who fought for the British Armed Forces from the commonwealth of all faiths, many of whom are remembered on our war memorials around the county.

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

*Bishop Rob* – day in Carlisle deanery and Carlisle Deanery Synod

### **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

*Interfaith* – we pray for all interfaith events being held this weekend and we give thanks for different people coming together.

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

### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

*Interfaith* – for the Inter Faith buddy scheme enabling deeper understanding of other beliefs and engagement in supportive discussion

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

### **Week Forty Six Theme – Peace**

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent**

#### **St Margaret of Scotland**

She was an eleventh century Anglo-Saxon queen of Scots, married to King Malcolm. She was a generous and compassionate queen, known for her charitable deeds and her interventions as a peace keeper. She died in 1093 and made a saint a century later, still she is remembered in Scotland as a very 'Scottish' saint.

*Peace* – as we remember the promise of God's Kingdom in the coming of Jesus, we pray for peace in our world and an end to violence and oppression

*God for All* – pray for the work of Emmanuel Theological College – especially for Paul Dunthorne and all the students from the county.

*World Church* - The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

## **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

### **St Hugh of Lincoln**

Hugh was very influential as Bishop in the eleventh century. The northern church had been destroyed following the attacks by successive Norman kings, many bishoprics were vacant and monastic communities abandoned. Hugh rebuilt the structure of the church and established the pattern of independent leadership

*Peace* – we pray for the people of Ukraine and all who resist aggression in their lives, seeking to protect the most vulnerable and to care for the weakest.

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

*Bishop Rob* – personal retreat

## **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

*Peace* – we pray for lasting peace in the Middle East

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

*Bishop Rob* – personal retreat

### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

*Peace* – for courage to stand firm in the faith whatever the trials we face and to trust in the gospel of love.

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

*Bishop Rob* – personal retreat

### **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

*Peace* – for all those who seek to help others resolve their conflicts and for all peacemakers. We pray in this county especially for the work of Place for Hope

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

*Bishop Rob* – personal retreat

### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

*Peace* – for the victims of violence, especially those who suffer in their own homes and for whom there is no safe haven or sanctuary of peace

*World Church* - The Diocese of Rhode Island – The Episcopal Church

*Bishop Rob – personal retreat*

## **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

### **St Cecilia**

Cecilia was a Roman martyr put to death in the third century. It was reported that she 'sang in her heart to the Lord' and became known as the patron saint of singers and musicians.

*Peace* – for the work of the United Nations, its Secretary General Antonio Guterres and for the UN agencies which do so much unseen on behalf of those in greatest need.

*World Church* - The Diocese of Rift Valley – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

*Bishop Rob – personal retreat*

## **Week Forty Six Theme – Leadership in the Diocese Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Christ the King**

### **St Clement**

Clement was a first saint and author of the two letters named after him. At his trial he refused to renounce his faith and it is claimed he replied to the Emperor, 'I have served my Lord for over eighty years and he has done me no wrong, why should I abandon him now?' Clement was martyred for his faith.

*Diocese* – pray for the Bishop's senior leadership team as they provide support to Bishop Rob

*World Church* - The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

### **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

*Diocese* – pray for the appointment process for a new Suffragan Bishop of Penrith

*World Church* - The Diocese of Riverina – The Anglican Church of Australia

*Bishop Rob* – God for All Strategy Group

### **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

*Diocese* – pray for Derek Hurton, Diocesan Secretary, and all staff at Church House

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

### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

*Diocese* – pray for Revd Canon Angela Whittaker, Bishop's advisor for women in ministry

*World Church* - The Diocese of Rochester (USA) – The Episcopal Church

### **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

*Diocese* – pray for the Ven Vernon Ross, Ven Ruth Newton and Ven Stewart Fyfe, the three Archdeacons in the diocese

*World Church* - The Diocese of Rockhampton – The Anglican Church of Australia

### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

*Diocese* – pray for the Dean and Chapter of Carlisle Cathedral

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

### **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

*Diocese* – pray for Bishop Rob and his family as he is enthroned at Carlisle Cathedral today

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

### **Week Forty Seven Theme – Ecumenical Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Advent 1**

#### **St Andrew**

Andrew led his brother to meet Jesus. He is the patron saint of all missionaries and fishermen. As patron saint of Scotland his flag is a reminder of his martyrdom for the faith.

*Ecumenical* – give thanks for the ninth anniversary of the signing of the ecumenical covenant, and the fourteenth anniversary of Cumbria as an ecumenical county. For our partner and companion denominations. For the developing sense of our common mission.

*God for All* - pray for Christian Communities across Cumbria as we seek new ways of communicating the Christmas message of hope, peace, joy and love over this season of Advent.

*World Church* - The Anglican Church of Australia

*Bishop Rob* – Confirmation services at St Barnabus, Carlisle and St Paul's, Seaton

### **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

*Ecumenical* – for all Ecumenical church leaders in diocese

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

### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

*Ecumenical* – for Churches Together in Cumbria and the board of trustees

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

### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

*Ecumenical* – for those who are part of the ecumenical governance of the county and the Denominational Ecumenical Officers (DEOs) for each denomination.

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

## **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

*Ecumenical* – for all our Mission Communities, giving thanks for our common mission and witness to the gospel, for innovative and creative ways to express our common discipleship as followers of Jesus.

*World Church* - The Diocese of Rupert's Land – The Anglican Church of Canada

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

*Ecumenical* – for the national ecumenical structures of each denomination and for the work of Churches Together in England and its General Secretary Bishop Mike Royal.

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

## **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

### **St Nicholas**

The 4<sup>th</sup> century Bishop Nicholas of Myra is most famous for his acts of kindness, especially on behalf of children and orphans. Over the centuries, the customs associated with him have led to the personification of gift giving in Santa Claus. Today we celebrate charities which act after his example in caring for children.

*Ecumenical* – for the World Council of Churches and our brothers and sisters in countries across the world.

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

## **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)