

Cumbria Prayer Diary



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FEBRUARY 2026

*Praying with our fellow Christians in
Cumbria, together with our link dioceses of
Northern Argentina, Stavanger and Zululand*

Week Five Theme – Appleby Deanery
Sunday 1st February - 4th Sunday of Epiphany

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

The Feast of the Presentation which is commonly known as 'Candlemas', marks the end of the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany seasons. From today the church begins to look forward to Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

Deanery - for the Heart of Westmorland, which due to the huge distances involved, works through the three benefices of the deanery.

World Church - Today the Anglican Communion prays for the Church of England

Ecumenical - For our partner and companion denominations.

Bishop Rob - Confirmation services at St Peter's Drigg, St Cuthbert's, Kirkby and at St Luke's, Haverigg, Milom

Follow Daily - We pray for the God for All vision, that we would inspire and encourage one another to follow Jesus more closely

Monday 2nd February

Deanery - for Judith Harrison, lay chair; Sue Wigley, deanery administrator; Andrew Burrell, Brendan Giblin and Stephen Tudway who lead our three benefices,

our curates, ordinands and all the retired clergy whose efforts make our rotas possible

World Church - Te Pihopatanga o Te Tairawhiti – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Bishop Rob - Ben Thompson's licensing at St Michael's, Workington

Tuesday 3rd February

Deanery - for Network Youth Church and its leader Rachel Milburn, and the youth work undertaken throughout our individual benefices; the Growing Faith Hub located in North Westmorland; and the work of lay and ordained people in our many schools.

World Church – The Diocese of Taita-Taveta – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Bishop Rob – North West Bishops' Meeting

Wednesday 4th February

Deanery - For the Welcome Inn Sanctuary in Appleby; Renew Wellbeing Café in Appleby & Kirkby Thore; Rainbow Community Café in Temple Sowerby; Kirkby Stephen Café Drop-In; Orton Pastoral Care Group; Tebay Hub; Community Minibus Project in North Westmorland; Good Neighbour Scheme in North Westmorland.

World Church - The Diocese of Taiwan – The Episcopal Church

Bishop Rob - Resource Trustees meeting

Thursday 5th February

Deanery - for Families Together in Tebay and Orton; Tebay Tea-Times; Kirkby Stephen Messy Church; Mixed Grill Breakfast at Ravenstonedale; Youth Café Church in Shap; Café Church in Askham and Bampton.

World Church - The Diocese of Tamale – The Church of the Province of West Africa

Bishop Rob - Bishop's Leadership Team meeting

Friday 6th February

Deanery - For the challenges of Insufficient people to support and lead our ministries; lack of finances; the difficulty of managing and maintaining our many, often unsuitable, buildings.

World Church - The Diocese of Tanga – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Saturday 7th February

Deanery - for mission and outreach in our individual villages and their churches.

World Church - The Diocese of Central Tanganyika – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Week Seven Theme – Calder Deanery
Sunday 8th February – 2nd before Lent

***Deanery* - that the deanery may offer mutual support and develop leadership and cohesion**

***World Church* - Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui**

***Ecumenical* - for the local houses of prayer, for new monastic communities represented in the county, praying for the Iona and Northumbrian community groups**

***General Synod* - for all those who will travel and gather at General Synod this week, and for those representing Carlisle Diocese.**

***Speak Boldly* - we pray for the God for All vision, that we may inspire and encourage one another to have the confidence to share our faith in Jesus in everyday ways with all people**

Monday 9th February

***Deanery* – That we may build upon one another's talents and insights and work as a Deanery Team**

***World Church* - The Diocese of South West Tanganyika – The Anglican Church of Tanzania**

***Bishop Rob* – General Synod**

Tuesday 10th February

Scholastica - The twin sister of Benedict of Nursia. The Benedictine order remembers her today and her influence upon the church and the dedication of many leading women to the life of prayer.

Deanery – Pray especially for the Network Youth Work in Mirehouse Parish and beyond, in the lives of so many young people

World Church - The Diocese of Western Tanganyika – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Bishop Rob – General Synod

Wednesday 11th February

Deanery - Pray for the furtherance and maintenance of our many Memory Cafes and Warm hubs that touch so many lives with support and healing words and attitudes

World Church - The Diocese of Tarime – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Bishop Rob – General Synod

Thursday 12th February

Deanery – As we are the Body of Christ – may we be equipped to respond to where he takes us and See his will in our lives and worship.

World Church - The Diocese of Tasmania – The Anglican Church of Australia

Bishop Rob – General Synod

Friday 13th February

Deanery - May we be given the gift of a listening heart not a judgemental spirit in our care for one another

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

Bishop Rob – General Synod

Saturday 14th February

Deanery – May our Clerical Vacancies be filled and our Lay Leadership be revitalised

World Church - The Diocese of Temotu – The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Week Eight Theme – Solway Deanery
Sunday 15th February – Sunday before Lent

Deanery – for Workington Mission Community, Mission Community Leader Rev Dom de Mattos, Criffel View/Wigton Mission Community, MC Leader Rev Richard Corrie

World Church - The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Ecumenical - For the work of Churches Together in Cumbria

Bishop Rob - Thanksgiving Service at St James, Welton

Children & Young People - We pray for rest and refreshment for children, teachers and all those who work and serve in schools at half term.

Care Deeply - We pray for the God for All Vision, that we may listen deeply to our communities, serve them courageously and challenge injustice

Monday 16th February

*Deanery– Rural Dean, Rev Ian Grainger
Assistant Rural Dean Rev Dom de Mattos
Lay Chair, Peter Wardle*

World Church - The Diocese of Tennessee – The Episcopal Church

Children & Young People - we pray for churches and community groups offering holiday clubs or children's provision during half term.

Tuesday 17th February

Deanery – Pray for the church's Ministry to young people, especially through Messy Church and other activities. For Solway Network Youth Church, its work with schools and various cell groups, and also for those involved in the process of appointing a new Network Youth Church Leader

World Church - The Diocese of East Tennessee – The Episcopal Church

Children & Young People - we pray for all parents, carers and wider family members caring for children and young people during half term.

Wednesday 18th February

Ash Wednesday

Today is one of the holiest days of the Church's Year, a day of obligation, when each of us are expected to attend church. Traditionally a day to receive the imposition of ashes as a sign of our penitence.

Deanery – Pray for churches that host lunch clubs or similar outreach. Giving thanks for those who provide the meals and for the fellowship shared by those attending.

World Church - The Diocese of West Tennessee – The Episcopal Church

Lent –for all those offering an Ash Wednesday service today across the diocese, and for all those who will receive the imposition of ashes.

Thursday 19th February

Deanery – Pray for all initiatives across the Deanery aiming to reach out to people and share the gospel in new and innovative ways that people may meet and come to know Jesus.

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

Bishop Rob - PTO meeting with lunch at St Michael's, Workington and Bishop's Council

Lent – For all those offering services, leading assemblies and sharing Lent in schools this week, and with all children and young people across the Diocese.

Friday 20th February

Deanery - Pray for those parishes in interregnum and awaiting the appointment of new ministers, at the same time giving thanks for the time given by retired clergy to ensure mission and ministry continue in those places.

World Church - The Territory of the People – The Anglican Church of Canada

Lent – for all those who are studying a book, have downloaded an app or accessed a new way to explore Lent this year, that they might be enriched in their journey of faith.

Saturday 21st February

Deanery - Pray for the future of the Deanery during a time of consultation about splitting Solway Deanery and creating a new Deanery of Workington.

World Church - The Missionary Diocese of Tete – Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

Lent – For Rydal Hall welcoming many during Lent on retreat. For a faithful keeping of Lent, we pray that this season might be a holy time for all, creating spaces for further prayer, study and acts of service to one another.

**Week Nine Theme – Kendal Deanery
Sunday 22nd February – 1st Sunday of Lent**

Deanery – For the Mission Communities across the Deanery: Burton & Holme, Beacon, Helm, Kent Estuary, Kirkby Lonsdale, Two Valleys, Western Dales. For fruitful working together to serve their local communities

World Church - The Church of Ireland

Ecumenical - For the creative ways in which we can pioneer and plant new expressions of churches together

Tread Gently - We pray for the God for All vision, that we may inspire and encourage one another to protect God's creation seeking to sustain and renewal of the earth

Lent – That the bonds of friendship and community may grow and faith deepen as we explore Lent together across our communities in the many varied and different ways we join together at this time.

Monday 23rd February

Polycarp - We remember Polycarp today, reputedly baptised by St Paul, he became Bishop Smyrna and was martyred for the faith. Having refused to abandon his faith, famously saying, 'I have served my Lord for these 86 years and why now should I renounce him?'

Deanery - Deanery Leadership: Rural Dean Revd Anne Pettifor, Asst Rural Dean Revd George Briggs, Lay Chair Charles Howarth, Secretary Peter Clarke and all clergy and lay leaders, church wardens, treasurers and secretaries, administrators and volunteers that enable our common life to flourish

World Church - The Diocese of Texas – The Episcopal Church

Lent – for all those hosting and attending Lent courses and the encouragement of many people to take part. May faith deepen, and communities be enriched.

Tuesday 24th February

Deanery - For our ecumenical partners in The Methodist Church, The Salvation Army, the United Reformed Church and companions in the Society of Friends and the Roman Catholic Church. Giving thanks for our work together

World Church -The Diocese of Northwest Texas – The Episcopal Church

Lent - for the opportunities to gather ecumenically and share together during this time.

Wednesday 25th February

Deanery - for parishes in vacancy;

- The Two Valleys churches in Crosthwaite, WInster, Witherslack, Cartmel Fell, Underbarrow & Helsington.

- Kirkby Lonsdale

That the right ministers will be called and respond to that call

World Church - The Diocese of West Texas – The Episcopal Church

Lent - for all those offering special Lent services & groups in care homes, hospitals, and hospices across the Diocese

Thursday 26th February

Deanery - for chaplains, lay and ordained, working across the Deanery and beyond in hospitals, hospices, prisons and with the emergency services, and in schools and at livestock auction marts

And all those they encounter

World Church - The Diocese of Thika – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Lent - as we notice signs of spring, we pray for our farming communities in lambing season

Friday 27th February

George Herbert - we remember the Church of England priest, spiritual writer and poet who lived at the beginning of the seventeenth century, of immense importance in creating Anglicanism.

Deanery - for all those involved in work with children, young people and their families and for Lily-Beth Smith, leader of the recently launched Network Youth Church, and all those who work with her and support her and her work

World Church - The Diocese of Thoothukudi – Nazareth – The Church of South India (United)

Lent - we give thanks for the many ways the arts can bring Lent to life for us.

Saturday 28th February

Deanery - for fresh expressions across the area, all those who enable them to happen and all those who connect with them – that it may be made known that God is for all....

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

Lent - for the Lent lunches and meals which will gather many together across the diocese in this season.

God for All 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**



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