

Cumbria Prayer Diary



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MARCH 2026

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

**Week Nine Theme – Carlisle West
Mission Community
Sunday 1st March – 2nd Sunday of Lent**

St David

Patron saint of Wales and as Dewi one of the founding saints of the church in the sixth century. As an inspiration and leader of the first churches in Wales, his faith and courage are an example to all modern Christians.

***Mission Community* - St John's London Road, St Andrew's Botcherby, St Peter's Kingmoor, St John's Houghton and 4LIFE. We are blessed to have guests most weeks, so please pray for us all.**

***World Church* - The Nippon Sei Ko Kai**

***Ecumenical* - For our partner and companion denominations through this season of Lent.**

***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 March

St Chad

One of four brothers rescued from slavery by Aidan, Chad after his education at Lindisfarne became missionary to Mercia. He was instrumental in the conversion of the kingdom establishing his first community at Lichfield in the seventh century.

Mission Community – Rev Andrew Towner (MC leader) with Kieran McKnight (Assoc Vicar) and Fraser Clarke (Lay Reader) plus Rev Tudor Boddam Wetham and many others: Cressida, Thomesena.

World Church - The Diocese of Toamasina –
The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Tuesday 3rd March

Mission Community – Give thanks for many children at after school clubs and 4LIFE service; pray for the ongoing development of monthly all-ages services in the mornings

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

Wednesday 4th March

Mission Community - Please pray for Refresh (monthly), Mothers' Union, men's study, Home Groups, and other informal gatherings.

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

Bishop Rob – Bishop's Leadership Meeting & visit to Knock Methodist Chapel

Thursday 5th March

Mission Community – Please pray for discernment in next steps, for a new gathering at St Andrew's, for possible plants in Houghton

World Church - The Diocese of Toliara – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Bishop Rob – Meeting and lunch with retired Clergy with PTO in Penrith

Friday 6th March

Mission Community - Please pray for a unity that celebrates and serves, to be 'Philippians 2' churches

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

Saturday 7th March

Mission Community - We pray to be a growing family of thriving congregations; pray for the discernment, discipleship and development of current / future leaders

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

Bishop Rob – Continuing Ministerial Development Day. We pray for all those attending and contributing to the Continuing Ministerial Development Day in Penrith.

**Week Ten Theme – East of Eden Mission Community
Sunday 8th March – 3rd Sunday of Lent**

***Mission Community* - Eden Bridge: Lazonby, Great Salkeld, Kirkoswald, Renwick. Cross Fell: Langwathby, Addingham, Culgaith, Edenhall, Kirkland, Melmerby, Ousby, Skirwith.**

***World Church* - The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East**

***Bishop Rob* - Confirmation service at Sedbergh School**

***Ecumenical* - For the Farming Community Network (FCN) as it offers pastoral support to farmers and rural families through a network of volunteers and chaplains supporting people of all faiths and none.**

***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 March

***Mission Community* - Pray for the recruitment of a new incumbent for our 12 churches.**

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

Bishop Rob - visit to Crosscraze Primary School

Tuesday 10th March

***Mission Community* - Give thanks for the work of Open the Book in our schools, T-Break in Lazonby and NYC youth group in Kirkoswald**

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

Wednesday 11th March

Mission Community - Give thanks for the work of the pastoral visiting team in the Eden Bridge Group and pray that a similar team can be developed in Cross Fell benefice.

World Church - The Diocese of Trinidad and Tobago – The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Thursday 12th March

Mission Community - Pray that Refresh, a new contemplative gathering in Great Salkeld will encourage more people to reflect on and refresh their faith.

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

Friday 13th March

Mission Community - Pray for wisdom as we consider how best to develop worshipping communities rather than maintain buildings

World Church - The Diocese of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe – The Church of Ireland

Bishop Rob - A day visit to the farming community

Saturday 14th March

Mission Community - Bless our smaller parishes with courage and wisdom as they explore pastoral reorganisation.

World Church - The Diocese of Twik East, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Bishop Rob - Pilgrim Guide launch event in Kent Estuary Mission Community

Week Eleven Theme – Workington Mission Community

Sunday 15th March – 4th Sunday of Lent

Mission Community - We pray especially for the Parish of Workington as we give thanks for the licensing of Rev Ben Thompson. We pray for St Mary's, Westfield as they prepare for their interregnum and for Rev Sharon Murphy as she takes up a new role in Australia.

World Church - The Anglican Church of Kenya

Ecumenical - For the work of Anna Chaplaincy & its ministry to older people.

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 March

Mission Community – We pray for all who are called to lead the mission and ministry of our churches, and especially for our ecumenical colleagues Revd Emma Holroyd (Methodist) and Revd Alistair Smeaton (URC).

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

Tuesday 17th March

St Patrick - As the patron saint of Ireland, Patrick is remembered today around the world. His faith was nurtured under the influence of Ninian's community at Whithorn, and he is one of the earliest Cumbrian saints.

Mission Community – We pray for the flourishing of children's mission across the mission community. We pray for our primary and secondary schools and for good supportive relations with them. We pray for our recruitment of a new leader for the Solway Network Youth Church, and that it will be according to God's will.

World Church – The Diocese of Northern Uganda, The Church of the Province of Uganda

Wednesday 18th March

Mission Community – We pray for the warm spaces and social gatherings that bring church and community together. We pray for those preparing for baptisms or weddings, and for those wrestling with grief, that we might share God's love.

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

Bishop Rob - Brampton Deanery Day

Thursday 19th March

Joseph of Nazareth

From the earliest days of the church St Joseph has been celebrated. As the earthly father of Jesus his role is seen in Matthew's Gospel as faithfully listening to the message of the archangel as well as in his care for Mary and their child. In many countries in the world his feast day is the time to celebrate the gift of fatherhood.

Mission Community – We pray for the many new worshipping communities in our mission community and for those exploring faith for the first time. We pray that our churches might build new and lasting bonds with the communities we serve.

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

Bishop Rob - Mission Community Leader Event

Friday 20th March

St Cuthbert

Cuthbert is the great saint of the foundation of Christianity in our county. Cuthbert visited the county on many occasions, and we are told by Bede that he had 'a special love for those who lived in remote mountainous parts of the land'. We give thanks for his continuing influence upon Christians in the modern Church.

Mission Community - We pray that our church communities may be united by their one foundation, able to set aside difference in theology and doctrine, that the universal church may be a true witness of the peace and joy to be found in Christ

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

Saturday 21st March

Thomas Cranmer

The author of the Book of Common Prayer is remembered on the anniversary of his death in 1556, being martyred for his protestant beliefs. As Archbishop of Canterbury, he was a leader of the English reformation and a guiding influence of Edward VI and the development of the Church of England.

Mission Community - We pray for the plans for the Community Hub development at St Mary's Westfield, and we pray for the mission and witness of Churches Together in Workington and District.

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

Bishop Rob – Diocesan Synod, we pray and thank God for all those serving on Synod at this time.

**Week Twelve Theme – Binsey Mission Community
Sunday 22nd March – 5th Sunday of Lent**

***Mission Community* - Allhallows, Bassenthwaite, Boltons, Embleton, Ireby, Isel, Plumbland, Setmurthy, Torpenhow, Uldale and Wythop Churches and Bassenthwaite Methodist Chapel**

***World Church* - The Anglican Church of Korea**

***Bishop Rob* – Barrow Deanery Confirmation Service**

***Ecumenical* - For the ministry and witness of those working ecumenically across the county to end Modern Slavery in our county.**

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

Monday 23rd March

***Mission Community* – Stephen Banks, Charlie Day, John Freeman, Julia Hedley and Richard Cox**

***World Church* - The Diocese of Uruguay – The Anglican Church of South America**

***Bishop Rob* – Bishop's Leadership Meeting**

Tuesday 24th March

Mission Community – Two by Two Toddler Group, Binsey All Age service, Collective worship happening across the six schools in the Binsey Team every week.

World Church - The Diocese of Utah – The Episcopal Church

Wednesday 25th March

The Feast of the Annunciation

The story of the annunciation from St Luke's Gospel focusses on the faith of Mary. It reminds us to be attentive to the Holy Spirit in our lives and to recognise God's moments when they come to us, and to respond in love and faith.

Mission Community – Uldale Craft Group, Ireby Coffee Gathering, Bassenthwaite Soup Lunches, Allhallows Community Tea, Northern Fells Community Choir

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

Bishop Rob – The enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury. We pray and thank God today for Sarah Mullally, who will become the 106 Archbishop of Canterbury.

Thursday 26th March

Mission Community - Binsey All Age Service,
Pilgrim Places and tourism outreach

World Church - The Diocese of Valparaiso – Iglesia
Anglicana de Chile

Friday 27th March

Mission Community - Shortage of leaders and
volunteers

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

Saturday 28th March

Mission Community - Monthly Binsey Prayer Meeting,
Bible Study Groups, Big Questions Discussion Group
and St. Bega's Way 2026.

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

Bishop Rob – Young leaders event at Carlisle Cathedral

Week Thirteen Theme – Holy Week Sunday 29th March – Palm Sunday

**Holy Week – for a Holy Week which offers us the
space and reflection to turn toward Christ, and
encounter God's transforming love and grace.**

***World Church* - The Anglican Church of Melanesia**

Bishop Rob – Kendal Deanery Confirmation service and Evensong at St Cuthbert's Kentmere

Ecumenical - For all our partners and companions as we join with them in our observance of Holy Week this year.

Monday 30th March

Holy Week – that all churches may have the confidence to proclaim the good news of the gospel.

World Church - The Diocese of Venezuela – The Episcopal Church

Tuesday 31st March

Holy Week – that we might seek to teach, inspire and encourage all signs of new life among us, as we acknowledge our failure to welcome all or fail to notice in the past.

World Church - The Diocese of Vermont – The Episcopal Church

Bishop Rob – Chrism Eucharist at Carlisle Cathedral

Wednesday 1st April

Holy Week – move us to strive for the care of all creation acknowledging where we misuse our planet and its gifts.

World Church - The Diocese of Victoria Nyanza – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Maundy Thursday - 2nd April

For the grace to follow the commandment of Jesus at the Last Supper, that we might 'love one another'. We pray for all Christians in the county, that we might believe that each of us are members of the one Church, united by one Baptism, and held in love by God.

Holy Week – that all of us will be moved to respond to human suffering in loving service, acknowledging the times we have failed to respond.

World Church - The Diocese of Virgin Islands – The Episcopal Church

Good Friday - 3rd April

For a faithful keeping of this holy day, that we might remember today the saving love of Jesus shown to us and all people on the cross, to trust in his promises and to prepare ourselves once more to share in the good news of Easter Day.

Holy Week – that we might seek to transform unjust structures of society, acknowledging those times we have failed to speak out.

World Church - The Diocese of Virginia – The Episcopal Church

Holy Saturday 4th April

Holy Week – we pray for those who feel isolated or lonely, and who long to know the comfort and presence of God this day.

World Church - The Diocese of Southern Virginia – The Episcopal Church

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