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Prayer Diary April 2026

KEY:

Weekly Theme

Feast, Festival & Holy Days

World Church

Sunday 5 April – Easter Day

Loving and gracious God, we thank you for **Easter**. We thank you for the gift of Christ’s risen life, for the good news of the resurrection and the new life made possible for the whole of creation in Jesus.

We pray today for **Bishop Rob** as he preaches and presides at the Easter day service at the Cathedral, and for all those who minister in your name across our county. As we gather as your Church on this special day, restore and refresh our common life together so that we may continue to proclaim the good news of your love to all those you have called us to serve.

We pray for our **ecumenical partners** and our **link dioceses in Northern Argentina, Stavanger & Zululand** in their celebrations of Easter.

Mon 6

Loving God, we thank you for the transformation of those early followers of your way who proclaimed your truth, lived courageously and shared the good news. May we witness to this same truth in our own lives and reflect your love as your church here in Cumbria.

Thurs 9 – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

O Holy Spirit, Give me faith that will protect me from despair, from passions, and from vice; Give me such love for God and men as will blot out all hatred and bitterness; Give me the hope that will deliver me from fear and faint-heartedness. Prayer of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1906-1945

Tues 7

Compassionate God, be with us as we discern your Spirit’s work in our lives and communities. May we seek your kingdom and learn to know your ways trusting in your unfolding purposes in the places we serve, and all for your glory.

Fri 10

Faithful God, in this Easter season, we pray for all those who serve you unseen, quietly living lives of faith in action for the sake of your people and to build your kingdom. We ask your blessing upon each person and their quietly transformative presence.

Wed 8

Prince of Peace, where there is turmoil and the way ahead uncertain, where grief is present and sorrow great, may we trust in the hope of Christ’s resurrection and companionship along the roads and pathways we journey along.

Sat 11

Living Lord Jesus, as we continue to celebrate your resurrection, inspire us by your Holy Spirit to boldly tell your story through our lives. May our church communities speak of you and your amazing grace and be places of welcome and hospitality for all.

Sun 5 We pray for the peace of Jerusalem
La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

Mon 6 Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, the Episcopal Church

Tues 7 Diocese of West Virginia, the Episcopal Church

Wed 8 Diocese of Wad Medani – Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

Thurs 9 The Diocese of Waiapu, the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Fri 10 The Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki, the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Sat 11 Te Pihopatanga o Te Waipounamu, the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

April 12 – 18

**Western Dales
Mission Community**

Sunday 12 April – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Loving and gracious God, we thank you for **the Western Dales Mission Community** and its mission and ministry. We pray for the churches and their communities at St Mark's Cautley, St John the Evangelist Firbank, St John the Baptist Garsdale, Holy Trinity Howgill, All Saints Killington, St Andrew's Sedbergh, St John the Evangelist Cowgill, St Andrew's Dent, Cornerstone Community Church Sedbergh, Dentdale Methodist Church Hawes Junction and Garsdale Low Smithy Chapel.

We pray for our **God for All** vision that we would inspire and encourage one another to follow Jesus our Good Shepherd more closely, and live lives that reflect his grace, mercy and peace.

Mon 13

Loving God, we pray for the ministry team of the Western Dales: Revd Andy Burgess (Leader) Revd Dr Sally Pickering (Associate Minister) Ben Maunder (Children Youth and Families Worker) Judith Bush (Lay Reader) Heather Fraser (Pioneer Reader) Revd Christine Brown (Retired Priest)

Thurs 16

We pray for fresh expressions and new ways of being church in the WDMC, like the relaxed, all-age and informal gatherings like Teatime Church and special events exploring faith relevant to everyday life that reach beyond traditional Sunday services. We pray for Bishop Rob hosting NYC & Spouses supper.

Tues 14

Faithful God we pray for mission with children in the WDMC, including initiatives like Messy Church, Teatime Church, after-school clubs, holiday club and youth groups that help young people and their families grow in faith and build relationships. We pray for Bishop Rob at the Steering Committee.

Fri 17

Holy God, we pray that our churches across the Western Dales Mission Community would know their foundation to be built upon our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor 3), and that this would be the basis of our unity and mission.

Wed 15

Loving God we pray for pastoral mission, for community gatherings such as Open House, Community Corner, and St Andrew's Coffee Morning for local people to meet, enjoy fellowship and feel supported in a welcoming space. We pray for Bishop Rob attending the Resource Trustees Meeting today.

Sat 18

Gracious God, we pray the WDMC Vision Day coming up on 16th May where as the twelve churches of the Western Dales we will be seeking God's guidance for the way forward, in terms of church growth, mission, structures, and roles. Lord, help us to discern your way ahead.

Sun 12 Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

Mon 13 Diocese of Wandí, Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Tues 14 Diocese of Wangaratta, Anglican Church of Sydney.

Wed 15 Diocese of Wanglei – Province of the Episcopal Church of S Sudan

Thurs 16 The Diocese of Wanjok, Province of the Episcopal Church in S Sudan

Fri 17 The Diocese of Warri, the Church of Nigeria

Sat 18 Diocese of Washington, The Episcopal Church

April 19 – 25

Education

Sunday 19 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

God of inspiration, we thank you for all those who teach us about your love. Thank you that through their example, our lives are enriched, our faith is deepened and our relationship with you keeps growing. May our churches be beacons of hope and light, shining with your love and offering your grace to all. In our learning with one another, may our communities grow in depth of understanding, peace and be places of transformation which witness to your love. Amen

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.

We pray for **Bishop Rob** as he preaches at St John's Houghton today

Mon 20

God of inspiration, we thank you for all those currently studying to become ministers in your church. Bless their studies, inform their learning and excite them with your vision for your church. We pray especially today for Emmanuel Theological College with its vision to be Christ centred and hope filled.

Tues 21 – St Anselm

O Lord, thank you for Anselm, an Italian Benedictine who served as Archbishop of Canterbury to William II and Henry I, for his influence through his writings that asserted that faith precedes reason. We pray for Bishop Rob attending the Archbishops' & Diocesan Bishops' meeting until Thurs in London.

Wed 22

Loving God, we thank you today for the Diocesan Education team, their team of Advisers and the Board of Education. We pray as they seek to support the flourishing of pupils and staff across the diocese, and ask that you would continue to inspire and bless them in their work.

Thurs 23 – St George

O God of hosts, who so kindled the flame of love in the heart of your servant George that he bore witness to the risen Lord by his life and by his death: give us the same faith and power of love that we who rejoice in his triumphs may come to share with him the fullness of the resurrection; Amen

Fri 24

Loving God, we thank you for the opportunities we have to worship, learn, explore and share God's love with others. We praise your name for the many different ways from forest church to evensong, to using arts and crafts, and embracing nature and play that teaches and helps us to discover more about your love.

Sat 25 – St Mark, the Evangelist

We give thanks today as we remember St Mark. Almighty God, who enlightened your holy Church through the inspired witness of your evangelist Saint Mark: grant that we, being firmly grounded in the truth of the gospel, may be faithful to its teaching both in word and deed; Amen

Sun 19 The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)
Mon 20 Diocese of Wau, Province of Episcopal Church, S Sudan
Tues 21 Diocese of Wellington, Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
Wed 22 Diocese of Wernyol– Province of Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Thurs 23 The Diocese of Wiawso, Church of Province of West Africa
Fri 24 Diocese of Willochra, Anglican Church of Australia
Sat 25 Diocese of Winchester, Church of England

April 26 – 2 May

Hospital Chaplaincy

Sunday 26 – 4th Sunday of Easter

Compassionate God, we thank you for our hospital chaplaincy teams across Cumbria. This week we give you thanks for the ministry of all those serving as part of the **Chaplaincy Team at University Hospitals of Morecombe Bay NHS Foundation Trust (UHMBT)**. We pray for Lead Chaplain Rev Ian Dewar, site lead at Lancaster Royal Infirmary, Rev Debbie Wilde site lead at Furness General Hospital and Rev Amy Bland site lead at Westmorland General in Kendal.

We pray for our **God for All** vision that we would care deeply as your Church, listening to our communities, and ready to serve them courageously and challenge injustice.

We pray for **Bishop Rob** as he preaches at Storth Village Church anniversary service and Installation of Canons at the Cathedral

Mon 27

Compassionate God, we we pray today for all those in hospital receiving treatment. We pray especially for those who have been in hospital for a long time, for endurance, strength and your healing in all that they face.
We pray for Bishop Rob & the BLT meeting today.

Thurs 30

Loving and faithful God, we pray today for Revd Canon Michael Leyden at his consecration as Suffragen Bishop of Penrith at York Minster. We pray for Michael and his family as they begin a new season of life and ministry here in Cumbria. May he know your blessing, grace and guidance.

Tues 28

God of love, we thank you the Anna chaplaincy team that connects with UHMBT.. We thank you for all community health teams across the area in their support of people to be well. We pray too for good staff relationships as people come together in support of patient care.

Fri 1 – St Philip & St James

Almighty Father, whom truly to know is eternal life: teach us to know your Son Jesus Christ as the way, the truth and the life; that we may follow the steps of your holy apostles Philip and James, and walk steadfastly in the way that leads to your glory; Amen

Wed 29

Loving God, we thank you and pray for the new Chief Executive of UHMBT, Steve Williamson who starts this month, and for all staff who work across the three sites and the differences they make in the lives of others. Give each one strength, energy and compassion in all that they do.

Sat 2

Living God, we pray for wisdom for hospital leadership today with budgets and transformation projects. We pray for good collabaration and resources, as hospitals seeks to care for all well.

Sun 26 Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Mon 27 Diocese of Windward Islands, Church in the Province of the West Indies

Tues 28 Diocese of Wondurba, Province of Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Wed 29 Diocese of Worcester, Church of England

Thurs 30 The Diocese of Wulu, Province of the Church of South Sudan

Fri 1 Diocese of Wusasa, Church of Nigeria

Sat 2 Diocese of Wyoming, 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