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Prayer Diary May 2026

KEY:

Weekly Theme

Feast, Festival & Holy
Days

World Church

May 3 – 9

Two Rivers Mission Community

Sunday 3 May – 5th Sunday of Easter

Loving and gracious God, we thank you for the **Two Rivers Mission Community and its mission and ministry**. We pray for the churches and their communities at St James Carlisle, St Michael's Stanwix, St Mark's Belah, St Luke's Morton, St Barnabas Raffles, Wigton Road Methodist Church and Newtown Road Methodist Church.

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 our **ecumenical partners** and our **link dioceses in Northern Argentina, Stavanger & Zululand**.

Mon 4

We thank God for: Revds Simon Bickersteth, Nina Orchard, Iain McIntyre and Amanda Quinn, Samuel & Karla Coswig (NYC), Maria Holmes, Gemma McMannus, Revd Nigel Rodgers, Joanne Daly, Revd John Libby, Rob Cook, Robert Cox, Liz Borlase, Kathy Howe, Julie Graham, Mark Hurley, Geoffrey Bland who minister across our Mission Community.

Tues 5

Loving God we pray for Samuel & Karla, as they lead the work of Network Youth Church in Carlisle. Pray for plans to take a group of young people to 'Dreaming The Impossible' youth camp in the summer. We pray the after school drop in at Restore Shop on Castle St, and the hot chocolate give away in Chances Park connecting with young people.

Wed 6

Compassionate God, we pray for the Renew Wellbeing Café held at Cornerstone, every Thursday and the Warm Space at St Luke's, for those who lead and those who attend. We pray for the ministry of pastoral care across the mission community to older members of the church
We pray for Bishop Rob at the DBE Board meeting.

Thurs 7

We pray for the possibility of developing further outreach initiatives at St Luke's.
We pray for Trinity School Lunch Time Club and possibility of an after school Youth Alpha. We pray for Messy Church & Tea@StB's – reaching to those on the fringe of the church. We pray for Bishop Rob at God for All Strategy, CITC and Bishops Council Meetings today

Fri 8

Holy God, we pray for a great hunger for the presence of God in the life of the church praying that we will reach new, younger generations, and that we will be open to the work of the Holy Spirit.

Sat 9

Loving God, we pray for plans for a mission community weekend in July, based on the theme of GrOW together (building on last year's mission community weekend). May it be fruitful as we explore and learn together.

Sun 3 The Church of North India (United)
La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

Mon 4 Diocese of Yambio, Province of Episcopal Church, S Sudan.

Tues 5 Diocese of Yangon, Church of Myanmar (Burma)

Wed 6 Diocese of Yei – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Thurs 7 The Diocese of Yeri, the Province of the Episcopal Church in South Sudan

Fri 8 The Diocese of Yewa, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Sat 9 The Diocese of Yirol, Province of the Episcopal Church in South Sudan

May 10- 16

Growing Younger

Sunday 10 May - 6th Sunday of Easter

Our prayers this week come from **Growing Younger Enabler for Children and Families Lol Wood**. Loving and Gracious God we thank you for Lol and pray for her in her new role across the Diocese. We pray for all the children and family ministers throughout the county. We thank you for the gifts and skill sets they bring to their local community and for their passion of ensuring children have the space to encounter God and share their knowledge of God to others, in their early years.

As **Christian Aid Week** begins across churches, communities and households seeking to stand alongside people living in poverty, we thank God for this focused week, when thousands of people across Britain and Ireland give, fundraise, pray and act together.

Mon 11

Loving God, we pray and thank God for our local schools and all those who are engaged with school ministry through assemblies, open the book, prayer stations, transition work between Primary & Secondary school, Experience events, storytelling and more. Bishop Rob attends the welcome service for Revd Rachel Cunliffe at Aspatria today. We pray for all.

Tues 12

Compassionate God, we pray for local nurseries and toddler groups who are working with and supporting local parents. These places provide a welcome, a cup of tea and a listening ear when parents are navigating, many for the first time, what it is to be a parent. We pray for Bishop Rob and all those at the Bishop's Leadership Meeting Residential until Thurs.

Wed 13

Loving God, we pray for children whose understanding & knowledge of you is often profound & unheard. May we create space for their wisdom in our local church communities. We pray for godparents; whose role is to walk alongside their godchild as they wonder and seek to learn more about knowing and following God.

Thurs 14 - Ascension Day

Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever. Amen

Thy Kingdom Come begins today until Pentecost

Fri 15 - St Matthias the Apostle

Almighty God, who in the place of Judas chose your servant Matthias to be of the number of the Twelve: preserve your Church by the ministry of faithful pastors and teachers, keep us steadfast in your truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

We pray for Bishop Rob at the General Assembly of Church of Scotland starting today until the 18th May.

Sat 16

Holy God, we pray for those who are looking to shape a new worshipping community centred around children & their families. Starting something new can feel daunting and lonely; may they find kindred spirits who support them on the journey, listen to the ideas of the young people that they are connecting with shaping a new way of worshipping God together

Sun 10 The Church of Pakistan (United)

Mon 11 Diocese of Yokohama, The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Tues 12 Diocese of Yola, Church of Nigeria (AC)

Wed 13 Diocese of York, Church of England

Thurs 14 Ascension Day & Thy Kingdom Come

Fri 15 Diocese of Western New York, the Episcopal Church

Sat 16 Diocese of Ysabel, Anglican Church of Melanesia

May 17 – 23

**South Lakes
Mission Community**

Sunday 17 – 7th Sunday of Easter

Loving God, we thank you for the **South Lakes Mission Community** and its mission and ministry. We pray for the churches and the communities at St Martin's Bowness, St Anne's Ings, St Cuthbert's Kentmere, St James Staveley, Jesus Church Troutbeck, St Mary's Windermere, Windermere United Church (URC and Methodist) and Lakes Christian Centre

We pray **Thy Kingdom Come**, joining in with the global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus.

www.thykingdomcome.global

Mon 18

Faithful God we pray for our team during vacancy, that someone will respond to God's call to come and be Team Rector in our benefice. We pray for boldness & patience for all our leaders, incl. Team Vicar Rev. Olivia Haines, Assoc. Minister Rev. Ashley Henderson, our retired clergy David and Chris, as well as all our amazing lay leaders.

Tues 19

Loving God we thank you and pray for Bubble Church as we continue in Staveley and look to launch one in Windermere. We are so excited by all that you are doing among us. We pray too for the work that happens across our schools. We pray for Bishop Rob as the House of Bishop's meet today until 21st May.

Wed 20

Compassionate God, we pray for Lunch Bunch at St Martin's, Communion in the Community in Staveley, Monthly Communion in Applethwaite Green Care Home and at Calgarth Park. We thank you for the ways in which we can connect and care for older people across our communities

Thurs 21

Gracious God we pray for Bubble Church, and for our fledgling youth group of 10-11 year olds as they start to gather to talk about faith. We pray too for Cygnets, a fresh expression of worship for under 5s that meets monthly at Blossom Tree Nursery.

Fri 22

Loving and Compassionate God, we pray for the times when we get in our own way, when we doubt or underestimate what is possible with you. We pray for the times we lean on our own understanding, and when our fear of change and the unknown hinders our trust in God.

Sat 23

Loving God, we pray for the vacancy process as we discern the kind of priest we need as our new Team Rector, and as we work together as a benefice during the vacancy. We long to see more in the South Lakes come to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

Sun 17 The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

Mon 18 Diocese of Yukon, Anglican Church of Canada

Tues 19 Diocese of Zaki-Biam, Church of Nigeria (AC),

Wed 20 The Missionary Diocese of Zambezia, Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

Thurs 21 The Diocese of Central Zambia, Church of the Province of Central Africa

Fri 22 Diocese of Eastern Zambia, Province of Central Africa

Sat 23 Diocese of Northern Zambia, Province of Central Africa

May 24 – 30 May

Pentecost

Sunday 24 May – Pentecost Sunday

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by **sending us your Holy Spirit** and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

We thank God for the founders of the worldwide Methodist church, **John and Charles Wesley**, remembering them on this day in 1745 when they attended St Aldgate's Church, and during the service were inspired and motivated to begin their mission within England. We give grateful thanks for our Methodist sisters and brothers who we partner with in mission across Cumbria.

Mon 25 – The Venerable Bede

God our maker, whose Son Jesus Christ gave to your servant Bede grace to drink in with joy the word that leads us to know you and to love you: in your goodness grant that we also may come at length to you, the source of all wisdom, and stand before your face; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Tues 26 – St Augustine of Canterbury

Almighty God, whose servant Augustine was sent as the apostle of the English people: grant that as he laboured in the Spirit to preach Christ's gospel in this land, so all who hear the good news may strive to make your truth known in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Wed 27

Spirit of God, enliven us, awaken us, blow through our lives so that we may be the people of God you created us to be. Spark our imaginations, fire our creativity and stretch our understanding so that we may be excited to know you and follow you! Amen

Thurs 28

Kindle in us the fire of your love this Pentecost, Compassionate God. That by the warmth of care shared in your name, hearts open and lives are transformed by your amazing grace and all for your glory, Amen.

Fri 29

Come Holy Spirit, empower your Church to share generously & courageously. May we bear witness to your love, grace and peace. May we be as ready to be transformed as much as we long to see you act in the situations around us. Stir in us Lord, the hope to which you have called us, so that we may be the people of God you have made us to be, Amen

Sat 30 – Josephine Butler (1828 –1906)

God of compassion and love, by whose grace your servant Josephine Butler followed in the way of your Son in caring for those in need: help us like her to work with strength for the restoration of all to the dignity and freedom of those created in your image; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Sun 24 The Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

Mon 25 Diocese of Zanzibar, Anglican Church of Tanzania

Tues 26 Diocese of Zaria, Church of Nigeria (AC)

Wed 27 Diocese of Central Zimbabwe, Church of the Province of Central Africa

Thurs 28 The Diocese of Ziwa Rukwa, Anglican Church of Tanzania

Fri 29 Diocese of Zonkwa, Church of Nigeria (AC)

Sat 30 Diocese of Zululand, Anglican Church of Southern Africa

May 31 – 6 June

Grasmoor Mission Community

Sunday 31 May – Trinity Sunday

Loving God, we thank you for the **Grasmoor Mission Community** and its mission and ministry. We pray for its churches and the communities at All Saints Cockermouth; Christ Church Cockermouth; Lorton Street Methodist Church; Cockermouth URC; Christ Church Great Broughton; St Bridget's Bridekirk; St Bridget's Brigham; Brigham Methodist Church; St Luke's Clifton; Great Clifton Methodist Church, St Oswald's Dean; St Philip's Mosser; St Cuthbert's Lorton; St Bartholomew's Loweswater; St James's Buttermere

Almighty and Eternal God, on this **Trinity Sunday**, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love, hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, Amen

Mon 1 – The Visitation

Mighty God, by whose grace Elizabeth rejoiced with Mary and greeted her as the mother of the Lord: look with favour on your lowly servants that, with Mary, we may magnify your holy name and rejoice to acclaim her Son our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Thurs 4

Gracious God, we give thanks and pray our partnership with St Aidan's Church, a church plant based at St Bridget's Bridekirk and now in its second year, and for our colleagues John Freeman and Steve Weston as they lead St Aidan's.

Tues 2

Faithful God, we pray for our Messy Church which meets on second Sundays. We give thanks and pray for Cat Kinghan our new Deanery Network Youth Officer. We give thanks for a successful Easter Holiday Club for 50+ children.

Fri 5

Faithful God, we pray for our three curates as they continue their training, for our retired colleagues who give so generously of their gifts and time, and for all those who in key lay leadership roles. Thank you God for their ministry and bless them.

Wed 3

Compassionate God, we thank you for Linking Lives, our befriending service, for Thursday@Noon, our monthly lunch club and for our Comfort Café for those navigating a grief journey. We pray for our newly reinvented Chatty Club, Together@2 and other social opportunities for older people.

Sat 6

Loving God, as we currently consult on new governance structures to better support a sustainable future, we ask and pray for wisdom and confidence as we move forward together. Faithful God, we pray also for a successful appointment for a second stipendiary post in the Mission Community soon, and we ask for your strength as this has posed significant challenges.

Sun 31 Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Mon 1 June Diocese of Aba, Church of Nigeria (AC)

Tues 2 The Diocese of Aba Ngwa North, Church of Nigeria (AC)

Wed 3 The Diocese of Abakaliki, Church of Nigeria (AC)

Thurs 4 The Diocese of Aberdeen & Orkney, The Scottish Episcopal Church

Fri 5 Diocese of Abuja, Church of Nigeria (AC)

Sat 6 Diocese of Abyei, 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