

Cumbria Prayer Diary



February 2021

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

The ongoing lockdown means that Church House remains closed and therefore it is impossible to print off hard copies of the prayer diary for the foreseeable future.

The Vision prayer for the new five-year strategy has now replaced the former God for All prayer on the final page.

We will continue to pray for those who are in the front line of dealing with the current pandemic and the use of the following prayer is encouraged:

**Loving God, as your Son healed the sick
And brought good news to the needy
Be with us this day.**

**Loving Jesus as you taught us to
'Do unto others as you would have them do to you'
Be with all the medical staff this day.**

**Loving spirit, your gift is healing,
Bring your healing fire to our homes, our hospitals
and our county,
But most of all, be with us this day. Amen**

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<https://www.anglicancommunion.org/resources/cycle-of-prayer.aspx>

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Week Four Theme – Appleby Deanery Sunday 31st January - Candlemas

Deanery – giving thanks for our two Mission Communities under the joint title of Heart of Westmorland, praying for mission in the Eden Valley

Coronavirus – for the ongoing pressure on the NHS especially remembering the hospitals in the county and all frontline medical staff in caring for those suffering from the worst effects of the pandemic.

Vision – for the work of God for All Church leaders' Strategy Group and the Operations Group, replacing the old SSG and SIG, we pray for clear ecumenical leadership of the new Vision

World Church - Pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

Bishops – Bishop Emma, licencing at Two Valleys benefice

Monday 1st February

Deanery – for Rural Dean: Stewart Fyfe
Lay Chair: Sue Wigley
Secretary and MC Office Manager: Joyce Keetley
Treasurer: Clive Wigley
House of Clergy Secretary: Judy Polkinhorn

World Church - The Diocese of All Saints Cathedral –
The Anglican Church of Kenya

Bishops – Bishops James and Emma at BLT; Bishop James licensing of Mark Houston to the Inglewood Group

Tuesday 2nd February

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 Network Youth Church Leader: Rachel Milburn. Pioneer ministers: Dan and Kristy Pattimore leading Messy Church and Family Church

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

Bishops – Bishops James at the God for All Strategy Meeting; Bishop Emma at Emmanuel College Staff interviews

Wednesday 3rd February

Deanery – for pastoral mission for the Renew Welbeing Café and Bereavement Support Group, Appleby

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

Bishops – Bishop James at the Western Dales interviews

Thursday 4th February

Deanery –we pray for Organic Church Heart of Westmorland YouTube Channel
Zoom Church in High Westmorland

World Church - The Diocese of Amichi – The Church of Nigeri

Bishops – Bishop Emma National Church Planting Steering Group and Emmanuel College Staff Interviews

Friday 5th February

Deanery – for our faith in God’s infinite resources, our willingness to take risks and for our willingness to develop new habits of worship and outreach that can draw in new Christians.

World Church - The Diocese of Amritsar – The (united) Church of North India

Bishops - Bishop Emma at Emmanuel College Staff interviews

Saturday 6th February

Accession of Queen Elizabeth II

Today marks the sixty-ninth anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth. Although a day that is not officially commemorated due the Queen's own preference to remember the anniversary of her father's death, it is a day when prayers are said for the Sovereign.

Deanery – for new expressions of Church to emerge post-Covid and for our continuing online presence.

World Church - The Diocese of Andaman & Car Nicobar Islands – The (united) Church of North India

Week Five Theme – Grasmoor MC
Sunday 7th February – Creation Sunday
Second Sunday before Lent

MC – we pray for the member church communities: All Saints Cockermouth; Christ Church Cockermouth; Methodist Church Cockermouth; URC Cockermouth; St Bridget’s Bridekirk; Christ Church Great Broughton; St Bridget’s Brigham; Methodist Church Brigham; St Luke’s Clifton; St Oswald’s Dean; St Philip’s Mosser; St Michael’s Mosser; St Cuthbert’s Lorton; St Bartholmew’s Loweswater; St James’s Buttermere

Creation – today is Creation Sunday, we pray that we may in our generation be faithful stewards of this planet, that we might seek to protect our beautiful home and to pass it on to a new generation in a better state.

Coronavirus – pray for those administering the vaccination programme, for the enormous pressures of expectations that are laid upon the vaccines and that we may all play our part in protecting one another.

Vision – we give thanks for the fourfold programme: follow daily; care deeply; speak boldly; and, tread gently. We pray that we might engage in these mission imperatives and develop our local mission together.

World Church - The Anglican Church of Burundi

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 and God’s guidance.

Monday 8th February

MC – we pray for our Lay Leadership teams, DCCs and PCCs. Those who care for our buildings, manage our finances and oversee our safeguarding. Our ordinands Christina Brentnall, Deborah Hoddinott, Barbara Robinson and Lucy Thompson. All those exploring authorised ministry. Curate Gill Davidson. Team Vicar Adrian Thompson, and Team Rector Jane Charman.

World Church - The Diocese of Saint Andrews Dunkeld & Dunblane – The Scottish Episcopal Church

Tuesday 9th February

MC – for those trying to keep our youth and children's work going online amidst the current restrictions. Pray for families who are under pressure and for all our young people who are missing their freedom and wondering what the future holds

World Church - The Anglican Missionary District – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

Bishops – Bishop James at the House of Bishops;
Bishop Emma Lambeth Conference Working Group

Wednesday 10th February

Scholastica

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

MC – we pray for all those feeling the pain of isolation and for those who are doing their best to keep in touch with them. For more volunteers to support the important work of Linking Lives

World Church - The Diocese of Angola – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Bishops – Bishop James pre-BAP meetings; Bishop Emma at CTiC Leaders Meeting

Thursday 11th February

MC – For our online Sunday services and daily online Night Prayer service. For wisdom about the future of online worship once restrictions are lifted

World Church - The Diocese of Ankole – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Friday 12th February

MC – That coronavirus will not become a reason for individual churches to withdraw into themselves. Especial prayers for our benefices currently in vacancy

and for our URC partners at a time of challenge and change

World Church - The Diocese of North Ankole – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Bishops – Bishop Emma Director of Ministry interviews

Saturday 13th February

MC – for exciting building plans at All Saints Cockermouth, Christ Church Cockermouth and Brigham, that they may equip these churches for outreach and service

World Church – The Diocese of Northwest Ankole – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Week Six Theme – Lent
Sunday 14th February – Transfiguration
Sunday before Lent

Lent – for a faithful keeping of Lent, we pray that this season might be a holy time in our lives, set apart for prayer, study and acts of service to one another.

Coronavirus – for all those suffering in their work as a result of the pandemic, for those made redundant, for businesses facing closure and for all struggling with debt, may we seek to support one another.

Vision - Pray for the implementation of the new Vision, for all seeking to grow disciples and encouraging those new in the faith

World Church - Pray for The Anglican Church of Canada

Monday 15th February

Thomas Bray

Thomas Bray founded the SPG in 1698, which is now known as the USPG, and pioneered mission in Maryland in the USA. Today we give thanks for the USPG together with CMS and the history of missionaries traveling to many parts of the world.

Lent – for all those planning Lent courses and the encouragement of many people to take part

World Church - The Diocese of South Ankole – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Bishops – Bishop Emma God for All Operations Group and Emmanuel College Academic Subgroup meeting

Shrove Tuesday 16th February

Lent – for a day of reflection and preparation for the coming season of Lent, traditionally a day to make a formal Confession, we pray the each of us may use this time to reflection upon our own discipleship.

World Church - The Diocese of West Ankole – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Ash Wednesday 17th February

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

Lent – we pray for forgiveness of our sins as we pray that we might forgive one another in the love of our Saviour Jesus Christ

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

Bishops – Bishop Emma Penrith Community 24/7 Prayer

Thursday 18th February

Lent – for all those who will make this season by fasting, giving up a luxury or using the discipline of self-denial to mark this time as special and dedicated to God.

World Church – The Diocese of Antsiranana – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Friday 19th February

Lent – for the Diocesan Lent course, for Bishop Emma in her leadership and for all who will take part.

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

Saturday 20th February

Lent – for all those who are studying a book for Lent, that they might be enriched in their journey of faith.

World Church - The Diocese of the Arctic – The Anglican Church of Canada

Week Seven Theme – Central Lakes MC Sunday 21st February – Lent 1

MC – for the churches in the Mission Community: Anglican Churches of Ambleside, Brathay, Langdale, Grasmere, Rydal, Hawshead, Satterthwaite, Rusland, Sawry, Methodist churches in Hawshead and Ambleside, Baptist Churches in Hawshead Hill and Ambleside, The Society of Friends at Thornthwaite and Colthouse, Rydal Hall and the Network Youth Church.

Coronavirus – for the county resilience group and local resilience hubs, pray for those caring for all who are shielding or vulnerable in our community

Vision – Pray for all who are caring for one another through the work of local Foodbanks

World Church - Pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Diocese – for the meeting of the Bishop’s Council in this coming week and for the preparation of a new diocesan budget, for faithful giving and local stewardship.

Monday 22nd February

MC – for John Dixon, Beverley Lock, Nick Hallam, Jane Natrass, Brian Lock, David Wilmot, Kath and Andrew Dodd, Ray Lane, Maggie Patchett, Graham Ransome, George Wrigley, Churchwardens, PCCs and Church Councils.

World Church - The Diocese of Argentina – The

Anglican Church of South America

Tuesday 23rd February

Polycarp

Polycarp was 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?'

MC – for Crumpet Church (after school Mondays) ,
Network Youth Church (Youth Café on Mondays)
Assemblies in all the Primary Schools – pray for more
contact with the Senior schools please.

World Church - The Diocese of Northern Argentina –
The Anglican Church of South America

Wednesday 24th February – Ember Day

MC – for our pastoral mission, Link with Evergreens in
Ambleside. Bereavement Group, Church Pastoral
Teams, Work with Tourism Industry Project for Maggie
seeking to strengthen her team.

World Church - The Diocese of Argyll & The Isles – The
Scottish Episcopal Church

Bishops – Bishop Emma Education diocesan meeting
and CCL Board

Thursday 25th February

MC – for Walking Church, Christian Mediation Groups

World Church - The Diocese of Arizona – The Episcopal Church

Bishops – Bishop Emma Reaching Deeper project meeting; Filming 'grill a bishop' interview for NISCU

Friday 26th February – Ember Day

MC – for our faith despite lack of time and resources to develop mission

World Church - The Diocese of Arkansas – The Episcopal Church

Saturday 27th February

George Herbert

Church of England, priest, spiritual writer and poet lived at the beginning of the seventeenth century, of immensely importance in creating Anglicanism.

MC – for Pilgrimage Project. A real sense of awakening as we emerge from the pandemic.

World Church - The Diocese of Armagh – The Church of Ireland

Bishops – Bishop James at the General Synod; Bishop Emma Readers service

Week Eight Theme – Carlisle West MC

Sunday 28th February – Lent 2

MC – giving thanks for the church communities in the Mission Community: St John's London Road, St Andrew's Botcherby, St Peter's Kingmoor, St John's Houghton and 4LIFE. We pray to be a growing family of thriving congregations.

Coronavirus – for our children, for those who have not been able to attend school, for the impact upon this generation's development and opportunities, we pray for their well being

Vision - Pray for the care of our local environment, that we might take seriously the fifth mark of mission and care for the land that we have been given and all life

World Church - Pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Bishops – Bishop Emma preach at St Paul's Church Barrow

Monday 1st March

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.

MC – for the leadership Rev Andrew Towner (MC leader) and Rev Steve Donald, with Esther Cruse (MC

administrator) and our MCC (Mission Community Council): Bryony, Rob, Emily, Giles, Paul, Fraser

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

Tuesday 2nd March

St Chad

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

MC – for many ministries paused, but Houghton & Kingmoor's 'Someday School' every Wednesday and Impact (secondary-school age-group) on Tuesday evenings.

World Church - The Diocese of Arochukwu / Oha a – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Wednesday 3rd March

MC – for many ministries paused, but willing teams ready to recommence; pray for all those phoning around people so that no-one feels forgotten or left out.

World Church - The Diocese of Aru – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Thursday 4th March

MC – Give thanks for the outreach work developed from St Andrew's Botcherby, and pray for plans to plant a new congregation in Houghton during 2021/2022.

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

Friday 5th March

MC – pray for mutual love and forgiveness, praying against gossip and hardness of heart. Pray for the joy of the Lord to motivate, and the peace of Christ to rule.

World Church - The Diocese of Asante-Mampong – The Church of the Province of West Africa

Saturday 6th March

MC – for We pray to be a growing family of thriving congregations. Give thanks for our incoming Associate Minister Rev Gary Tubbs, and for wisdom in the many opportunities before us.

World Church - The Diocese of Saint Asaph – The Church in Wales

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**