

Friday  
23rd April.  
George, martyr, patron  
of England, c. 304

### St George's Day

Join with Archbishop Stephen in his prayer for England as expressed talking about his new book, *Dear England* - "I cry out for the indignities and privations of the world. I long to see change and I thirst for justice. But I begin with the heart, believing that if my heart can change, then the world can change too."

**Diocese of Botswana. The Church of the Province of Central Africa.**

Saturday  
24th April.  
Mellitus, bishop, 624.  
Seven Martyrs of the  
Melanesian  
Brotherhood, 2003

### ACTS 435

Communications Officer: Katie Greene; Administrator: Jenny Herrera; Administration Assistant: Rhona Ellwood.

Acts 435 is an online charity resourcing 450 churches and local charities to help those in poverty and hardship. Requests for help have doubled in the last year. Please pray for an increase in church partnerships to reach more people and give thanks for our donors who have generously kept giving towards requests.

**Diocese of Brandon. The Anglican Church of Canada.**

Sunday  
25th April.  
4th Sunday of Easter

### Spiritual Direction Network (SPIDIR)

Andrew De Smet, Mark Brosnan, Ruth Crompton, Sarah Frettingham, Margaret Hall, Lis Jordan and Pam Lindsey.

Please pray for the new SPIDIR course in Christian Spirituality and Spiritual Direction starting initially online in April. Pray for the team and the guest speakers leading sessions and for Wydale Hall, our usual venue. Pray for those starting the course, that it may be a source of growth and blessing for them.

**The Nippon Sei Ko Kai.**

Monday  
26th April.  
Mark the Evangelist

### Chaplaincy

We give thanks for the ministry of chaplains across the Diocese—in healthcare, education, prisons, industry, professional and leisure settings, and elsewhere—especially during the pandemic. We pray for affirmation, refreshment and energy for them, and we pray that they would continue to bring the love and light of God to the arenas in which they minister.

**Diocese of Brasília. Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.**

Tuesday  
27th April.  
Christina Rossetti, poet,  
1894

### Diocesan Clergy Retirement and Widow(er)s' Officers

Please pray for the Clergy and Widow(er)s' Retirement Officers for the Diocese of York: The Revd Ruth Newton (East Riding), The Revd Peter Bristow (Cleveland) and The Revd Dianne Cox (York) and for their ministry of listening and support for retired clergy and clergy widows/widowers and for the Zoom opportunities to speak about their work. Please give thanks, that despite the continued isolation of many, there has been widespread appreciation of the support given by local churches and neighbours.

**Diocese of Brazzaville. Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.**

Wednesday  
28th April.  
Peter Chanel,  
missionary, martyr,  
1841

### Diocesan Board of Finance

Chair: Mr Rodney Barton.

Please pray that the Board may be blessed with wisdom and insight as it determines how to respond to the financial challenges faced by the Diocese, which have increased because of the pandemic. The Board would like to give thanks for the efforts of PCCs to maintain their freewill offering to the Diocese while their own finances are under pressure.

**Diocese of Brechin. The Scottish Episcopal Church.**

Thursday  
29th April.  
Catherine of Siena,  
teacher of the faith,  
1380

### Diocese of Manchester

The Rt Revd Dr David Walker.

Please pray that our vision for change is faithful to God's will. Pray that our deanery reorganisation is fruitful, as seven newly-appointed, full time Area Deans prepare to serve larger deaneries. Pray, too, as we consider grouping parishes into Mission Communities. May these changes advance God's mission.

**Diocese of Brisbane. The Anglican Church of Australia.**

Friday  
30th April.  
Pandita Mary Ramabai,  
translator, 1922

### Manchester Cathedral

Dean: The Very Revd Rogers Govender.

Manchester Cathedral is set in the heart of the city centre with huge commercial and social challenges. Lockdown has had a huge impact on our ministry given the job losses and closure of many businesses around us. The next few months and years will be focused on a recovery plan to rebuild our spiritual life and the social fabric of our city centre. I would value prayers for the appointment of our new Cathedral Digital Officer (CDO) and the re-opening of our Café and Visitor Centre; and the coming staff changes in 2022.

**Diocese of Bristol. The Church of England.**



# Diocese of York Prayer Diary - April 2021

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Thursday  
1st April.  
Maundy Thursday

### Bishophorpe Palace

Please pray for Archbishop Stephen, his wife Rebecca and the staff team at Bishophorpe Palace as we continue to work remotely. Pray that we would be inspired and energised by the Spirit as we support the Archbishop in his ministry to the nation, Province and Diocese at this time of transition in so many ways. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

**Diocese of Bath & Wells. The Church of England.**

Friday  
2nd April.  
Good Friday

### Guisborough Deanery

Area Dean: The Revd David Tembey; Lay Dean: Christine (Chris) McIlvenny; Secretary: Bruce Williams.

Please pray for us as we explore how we Live Christ's Story Together. Pray for the parish of St Peter, Redcar and that the vacancy, we hope, will soon be filled. Pray for guidance, that we may slowly, safely and sensibly bring our communities out of lockdown.

**Diocese of Bathurst. The Anglican Church of Australia.**

Saturday  
3rd April.  
Easter Eve

### St Cuthbert, Wilton

Focal Minister (Reader): Christine Hill.

Please offer thanks for our worshipping community as we try to find ways to engage with each other and the outside world. We pray for all who are lonely or isolated at this time, and offer wholehearted gratitude for the support of retired clergy.

**Diocese of Bauchi. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).**

Sunday  
4th April.  
Easter Day

### Easter Day

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.**

Monday  
5th April.  
Monday of Easter  
Week

### Christ Church, Coatham; All Saints, Dormanstown; Coatham CE Primary

Clergy: The Revd Rebecca Haughty; Churchwardens: Syd Taylor, Dave Stones, Carol Upton. Please pray for our Church Family as we continue with the renovation work at All Saints' Church, Dormanstown, and look for funding for the further work required at Christ Church, Coatham. We give thanks to God for our fellowship and support of each other, and pray for God's blessing on our outreach to our local community through the Church Shop, Food Bank, and our work with our Church of England Primary School at Coatham.

**Diocese of Belize. The Church in the province of the West Indies.**

Tuesday  
6th April.  
Tuesday of Easter  
Week

### All Saints, Easington; St Michael, Liverton; St Hilda, Liverton Mine; Easington CE Primary; Partington CE Primary

Clergy: The Revd Danny Walker; Churchwardens: Vicky Rushin-Chape, Glenda Hudson, Karen Ward.

Please pray for the congregation of St Hilda's whose church is currently closed and for the success of our fundraising efforts to raise the money to build a new church. Please pray also for all in our communities who live alone and have experienced isolation during the Covid pandemic.

**Diocese of Bendigo. The Anglican Church of Australia.**

Wednesday  
7th April.  
Wednesday of Easter  
Week

### St Leonard, Loftus-in-Cleveland; St Helen, Carlin How with Skinninggrove

Clergy: The Revd Adam Gaunt.

Please pray for our communities as we work for their successful regeneration in the post-Covid environment. Pray too for our church family and especially for our younger members, that they may grow in faith.

**Diocese of Benin. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).**

Thursday  
8th April.  
Thursday of Easter  
Week

### Emmanuel, Saltburn-by-the-Sea; St Thomas, New Marske

Clergy: The Revd Adam Reed.

Heavenly Father, we pray for the ministry and witness of Emmanuel Church, Saltburn and St Thomas' Church, New Marske. We thank you for your love and generosity, and we ask you to open the hearts and minds of people in our community to the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Diocese of Bentiu. The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.**

Should you have any queries regarding the Prayer Calendar please do not hesitate to contact  
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Friday 9th April. Friday of Easter Week	<p><b>St Margaret, Brotton Parva; St Peter's CE Primary</b> Clergy: Fr Jonathan Rhodes.</p> <p>We continue to pray for the 'Lifting the Vision' project as we begin to work with outside agencies to fulfil the vision of a church building transformed and with it, our work with, and to, the community we serve. We give thanks for our close relationships with our schools: St Peter's CE Primary, Badger Hill Primary Academy, Kilton Thorpe Specialist Academy and Freebrough Academy. We give thanks for the introduction of the admittance of children to Holy Communion and for how that will transform our worship at St Peter's CE Primary and at church.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Bermuda (Extra Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury).</b></p>
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Saturday 10th April. Saturday of Easter Week	<p><b>St Nicholas, Guisborough</b> Clergy: The Revd Alison Phillipson.</p> <p>We give thanks to God for all those within this congregation and community who are offering generous support to one another through this pandemic, both friend and stranger. We pray for the many couples due to be married here this year - especially those who have had to alter dates - and also for those awaiting baptism for their children. We pray for those who feel isolated and vulnerable, lonely and anxious, as well as those who have been bereaved, that they may know God's love for them.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Bethlehem. The Episcopal Church.</b></p>
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Sunday 11th April. 2nd Sunday of Easter	<p><b>St Peter, Redcar</b> Clergy: Vacancy; Churchwardens: Anne Hagen, Michael Williams; Readers: Chris Bowers, Steve Graham, Sr Louisa Ann; Retired Clergy (non-resident in Redcar): The Revd Stephen Fisher, The Revd Bruce Harrison, The Revd Marion Gardner, The Revd Matthew Holland and The Revd David Lambert, who were all prepared to help us with church services during vacancy, before lockdown. Please pray for the family of St Peter's and the wider parish, in particular young families and young adults struggling with financial hardship and loss of jobs; for the day our foodbank and café may re-open and for the person God is leading to serve this town and community in the future. We give thanks for Churchwardens, Anne and Michael, new Treasurer, Ian and Safeguarding Officer, Carole, and all the PCC working together to navigate the stormy waters of these ever-changing circumstances with the support of Area Dean, David Tembey; Readers, Chris, Steve and Louisa and local retired clergy who have supported our worship in church.</p> <p><b>The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.</b></p>
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Monday 12th April.	<p><b>St Mark, Marske-in-Cleveland</b> Clergy: The Revd David Tembey; Reader: Dr Janet Dack; Retired Clergy: The Revd Stephen Fisher; Churchwardens: Sue Sotheran, Peter Tinkler.</p> <p>Please pray for us as we continue to find ways to keep our congregation encouraged, enthused and uplifted, as we plan for the future of our church, and as we bring signs of hope and continue to show God's love within our community.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Bhopal. The (united) Church of North India.</b></p>
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Tuesday 13th April.	<p><b>St Cuthbert, Kirkleatham; St Hilda, Kirkleatham</b> Clergy: The Revd Matt Strand; Clergy with PTO: The Revd Sarah Strand, The Revd Billy Barnes, The Revd David Lambert; Reader: George Featherston; Churchwardens: Cynthia Watson, Sue Garner, Bruce Williams, Keith Simpson; Schools: Green Gates; Riverdale; and Lakes Primary Schools and Kirkleatham Hall.</p> <p>We give thanks that St Hilda's construction is now complete. Please pray as we begin to use the new church alongside the historic St Cuthbert's and, as a whole parish, seek to develop new ways of serving our community and sharing the gospel with all.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Bida. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).</b></p>
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Wednesday 14th April.	<p><b>All Saints, Skelton with Upleatham; St Aidan, Boosbeck; St Chad, Lingdale</b> Clergy: The Revd Valerie Haynes; Churchwardens: Geoffrey Scott, Patricia Brook.</p> <p>Pray for the preparations to re-open All Saints' Church and church shop. Give thanks that all our over 70s and vulnerable members of our congregations have now received the Covid-19 vaccination. Pray for our Easter preparations and missions.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Biharamulo. The Anglican Church of Tanzania.</b></p>
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Thursday 15th April.	<p><b>Distinctive Deacons</b> Servant King, we ask you to strengthen those called to be a deacon in your Church, that they would be equipped and enabled to fulfil their ministry as servants, heralds, intercessors and pioneers</p> <p><b>Diocese of Birmingham. The Church of England.</b></p>
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Friday 16th April. Isabella Gilmore, deaconess, 1923	<p><b>Generous Giving Team</b> Jo Beacroft-Mitchell and Sammi Tooze.</p> <p>Please pray as we continue to support churches in transforming our resources for mission, embedding new mechanisms for giving, and encouraging a culture of the joy of generosity. Please pray as we seek to equip generous churches through delivering training, one-to-one support and developing new resources.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Blackburn. The Church of England.</b></p>
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Saturday 17th April.	<p><b>North Holderness Deanery</b> Area Dean: The Revd Anne White; Lay Dean: John Robinson.</p> <p>We give thanks for the continued generosity, both financially and spiritually, of many in our very small rural deanery. We welcome on board The Revd Susan Walker as Deanery Priest. We pray that as we engage with 'Living Christ's Story' that we may embrace the challenges that lie ahead and in doing so encourage the involvement of all who make up the body of Christ in this place.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Bo. The Church of the Province of West Africa.</b></p>
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Sunday 18th April. 3rd Sunday of Easter	<p><b>St Bartholomew, Aldbrough; St Giles, Goxhill; All Saints, Mappleton; St Alban, Withernwick</b> Clergy: The Revd Anne White; Churchwardens: Christine Longstaff, Brian Rhodes, Ruth Skinner, Anne Wood, Alan Monk.</p> <p>We continue to give thanks that this benefice not only supports each other but worships together and, as a result during the various lockdowns, has managed to keep that unity as much as possible. We ask for prayers now as Aldbrough and Mappleton begin the process of becoming a joint council. We pray for guidance in finding the funding to create a community resource in Withernwick Church. We pray too for those exploring vocations within the Benefice.</p> <p><b>The Church of Ireland.</b></p>
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Monday 19th April. Alphege, archbishop, martyr, 1012	<p><b>St Margaret, Long Riston; All Saints, Rise; St Augustine, Skirlaugh; St James, Ellerby; St Mary, Swine; St Michael, Catwick; St John the Baptist, Bewholme; St Lawrence, Sigglesthorpe; Riston CE Primary; Sigglesthorpe CE Primary; Skirlaugh CE Primary</b> Clergy: Vacant; PCC Secretary: Chris Lorimer; Retired Clergy: The Revd Lawrence Trender.</p> <p>Just for today, help me, God, to remember to be kind and patient to the people who love me, and to those who work with me too. Teach me to see all the beauty that I so often ignore, and to listen to the silent longing of my own soul.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Boga. Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.</b></p>
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Tuesday 20th April.	<p><b>St Andrew, Foston on the Wolds; St Leonard, Beeford; St James, Lissett; St Nicholas, Dunnington; St Elgin, North Frodingham; St Mary, Brandesburton; Holy Trinity, Leven; Beeford CE Primary; Leven CE Primary</b> Clergy: The Revd James Grainger-Smith; The Revd Shirley Hebden, The Revd Susan Walker.</p> <p>Give thanks for the new headteacher at Leven School, Mrs Fay Cairns. Pray for her and the school at this challenging time. Give thanks for the new Deanery Priest, The Revd Susan Walker. Pray for her and her family as they settle into their new roles and circumstances.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Bolivia. The Anglican Church of South America.</b></p>
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Wednesday 21st April. Anselm, abbot, archbishop, teacher of the faith, 1109	<p><b>St Lawrence, Atwick; St Nicholas, Hornsea; All Saints, Skipsea</b> Clergy: The Revd Tina Minett Stevens; Clergy with PTO: The Revd Canon Sidney Fox, The Revd Lynn Hellmuth; Churchwardens: Sallie Hammond, Maureen Sampson, John Robinson, Cheryl Usher, Judi Pring, John Moss, Keith Rhodes.</p> <p>We are thankful to God for sustaining us through the pandemic and for the opportunities to continue to worship and serve one another and our wider communities. We look with confidence to the future God has planned for us and ask for wisdom as our ministry and worship adapts.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Bondo. The Anglican Church of Kenya.</b></p>
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Thursday 22nd April.	<p><b>Diocesan Companion Link</b> The Revd Canon Maggie McLean.</p> <p>Please pray for our links in South Africa, especially in the Dioceses of Cape Town, Saldhana Bay and Table Bay, and for Archbishop Thabo; Bishops Margaret, Joshua and Raphael; and The Dean of St George's Cathedral, Cape Town, The Very Revd Michael Weeder. Please pray for all who continue to be affected by Covid-19 and the church who are trying to respond to the different needs of their communities. Please continue your prayers for all who are speaking out against Gender Violence and the continuing racial tensions which exist.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Bor. The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.</b></p>
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