

Monday
24th January.
Francis de Sales,
bishop, teacher of
the faith, 1622

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Day 7

God, through your prophets you have called us to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you. In Christ, you have shown us what that looks like. Through your Holy Spirit you continually enable us to hear your words, to follow Christ's example, and to live as his disciples. So, as we gather at the manger, heal our wounds, reconcile our divisions and hold us together in your love. Amen.

Diocese of Kafanchan. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

Tuesday
25th January.
Conversion of
Paul

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Day 8

Gracious God, when we only know one way and we think we must return to it, when we think that all roads are blocked, and we fall into despair, we always find you there, creating a new unexpected path before us. If we search our maps and find no route, nonetheless we always find you, who lead us by a yet more excellent way, trusting that you will always lead us back to you and forward in unity together. Amen.

Diocese of Kagera. The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

Wednesday
26th January.
Timothy and
Titus, companions
of Paul

Diocesan Board of Education

Chair: The Rt Revd Paul Ferguson; Director: Andrew Smith.

Pray for the Board of Education and its work with Church schools and education more widely across the Diocese. We pray for school leaders and governors dealing with the competing demands and pressures of the current period. Give them wisdom in leadership so that all children and adults may continue to flourish.

Diocese of Kajiado. The Anglican Church of Kenya.

Thursday
27th January.

Holocaust Memorial Day

God of love, on this day we pray for the victims of the Holocaust and of genocides in other parts of the world. We pray that you send your light on all who lost loved ones. We pray that you help us hear the words of survivors. We pray that the names of all victims will never be forgotten, but will be remembered by us and by those who come after us. We pray that our world will resist evil and intolerance, so that we can all live together in peace and prosperity. And we pray that you will help us be the light in the darkness. Amen. From www.hmd.org.uk

Diocese of Kajo-Keji. The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

Friday
28th January.
Thomas Aquinas,
priest,
philosopher,
teacher of the
faith, 1274

Diocese of Leeds

The Rt Revd Nick Baines.

We are looking at the potential and sustainability of many churches and need wisdom as we discern their future – especially as we emerge from the pandemic. Clergy and lay leaders need encouragement as we enter a new world, with the courage and faith to embrace it. Appointments of a new Archdeacon, Dean and Area Bishop are crucial to this encouragement.

Diocese of Kamamgo. Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

Saturday
29th January.

Ripon Cathedral

Dean: The Very Revd John Dobson.

Please pray for God's grace for us and that we may grow in love, extending Christ's mission in serving the people of the Diocese of Leeds and the region. We pray for human flourishing in every community as people continue to contend with Covid-19.

Diocese of Kampala. The Church of the Province of Uganda.

Sunday
30th January.
4th Sunday of
Epiphany

Chester Cathedral

Dean: The Very Revd Tim Stratford.

The city centre location of Chester Cathedral poses a fascinating set of missional challenges and opportunities. Please pray for our relations with other city centre neighbours, workers, tourists and shoppers as well as the local council whilst we balance competing needs; also that we can minister and witness faithfully to every visitor.

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

Monday
31st January.
John Bosco,
priest, founder of
the Salesian
Teaching Order,
1888

Diocese of Chester

The Rt Revd Mark Tanner.

Almighty God, whose hope is eternal. May that hope grow in the diocese, filling our hearts, empowering our actions and drawing all to worship Christ. Holy Spirit, deepen our unity and purpose emboldening us to seek your Kingdom and share the good news of Jesus wherever you send us. Amen.

Diocese of Kano. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).



Diocese of York Prayer Diary - January 2022

www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/prayerdiary

Saturday
1st January.
Naming and
Circumcision of
Jesus

Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC)

Chair: The Revd Canon John Weetman; DAC Secretary: Catherine Copp; Diocesan Church Buildings Advisor: Keith Halliday; Administrative Assistant: Rebecca West.

Please pray for Catherine Copp, Keith Halliday and Rebecca West; the Archdeacons; DAC members and advisors; the Diocesan Chancellor; and Registry in their work of assisting parishes in the stewardship of their buildings and in encouraging renewed vision in their use for mission and worship.

Diocese of Isi mbano. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

Sunday
2nd January.
Epiphany

Epiphany

Heavenly Father, you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ to continue his work of reconciliation and reveal you to the world. Forgive us the sins which tear us apart; give us the courage to overcome our fears and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

Monday
3rd January.

Stokesley Deanery

Area Dean: The Revd Tessa Stephens; Lay Dean: John Dickinson.

We thank God for a new clergy appointment for Yarm, Kirklevington, Picton and Worsall. Pray for the Deanery Leadership Team as new members get to know each other and for the whole Deanery as we seek to live Christ's story and to make plans for the future. We pray for our parishes as they seek to pick up the threads of ministries disrupted by Covid and to launch new initiatives in response to current needs.

Diocese of Isiala-Ngwa. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

Tuesday
4th January.

St Margaret, Brookfield; St Peter, Hilton; St Peter and Paul, Stainton-in-Cleveland

Clergy: The Revd Claire Todd, The Revd Jane Emson; Reader with PTO: Joan Mason; Recognised Parish Assistant (RPA): Julia Ardley; Churchwardens: Graham Wilson, Vernon Clare, Colin Mason, Angela Sayer, Barbara Sowerby.

We give thanks that we are able to once again worship in our beautiful churches. We also give thanks for a new Brookfield Baby and Toddler Group, which is growing in numbers, and for the restart of Coffee and Kids at Stainton. Give thanks also that our numbers at Stainton are growing. We give thanks for the people of Hilton who support the church in different ways. We pray for our Bishop Paul in all the work he so diligently continues to do.

Diocese of Isial-Ngwa South. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

Wednesday
5th January.

St Francis of Assisi, Ingleby Barwick; St Francis CE Primary; All Saints CE School

Clergy: Vacant; Multiply Minister: The Revd Nik Stevenson.

Pray for our work with other community partners to address poverty, isolation and community cohesion. Pray for our parish as we seek a new priest. Pray for pupils at the start of a new year, that anxiety and stress may not overwhelm them.

Diocese of Isikwuato. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

Thursday
6th January.

St Hilda, Bilsdale Priory; St Andrew, Ingleby Greenhow; St Cuthbert, Kildale;

St Augustine, Kirkby-in-Cleveland; Bilsdale Midcable CE Primary; Ingleby Greenhow CE Primary; Kirkby and Great Broughton CE Primary

Clergy: The Revd Dr Anne Heading; Reader: David Heading; Churchwardens: Pat Coverdale, Dennis Easton, Carol McGee, Andrew Sutcliffe, Ros Tomlinson, Brian Walker; RPAs: Sarah Weyell, Carol McGee, Bev Workman.

Please give thanks for the All Saints' Light party for all primary school age children. Pray for our Steps service for all babies and toddlers. Give thanks for those who come and pray for increased opportunities to minister among these families. Give thanks for the completion of our Benefice Cookery Book project and pray for the ministry provided by the occasional offices.

Diocese of Northern Izon. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

Friday
7th January.

All Saints, Great Ayton; Christ Church, Great Ayton; St Oswald, Newton under Roseberry; Marwood CE Infant School

Clergy: The Revd Canon Paul Peverell, The Revd Jane Robson, The Revd Jon Dean; Retired Clergy: The Revd Geoff Jaques; Readers: Margaret Lewis, Peter Titchmarsh (PTO), Nick Land.

Pray for both parishes as we get things safely up and running again in person. Give thanks for the success of the daily Prayer for the Day on Zoom and Facebook, and for the projects to improve both church buildings. Give Thanks for Marwood CE Infant School, and Headteacher, Dorothy Walton and staff who make learning such fun for the children.

Diocese of Western Izon. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

Saturday
8th January.

Bishop Glyn Webster, Bishop of Beverley

We give thanks for the many years of +Glyn's ministry and the varied ways in which he has served your Church. We pray for your continued blessing on him in this next phase of his life. Bless him with good health, precious time with family and friends, and keep him energised in soul and spirit. May +Glyn be a blessing to those around him as he ministers in new ways. May you be always a lamp to his feet and a light to his path.

Diocese of Jabalpur. The (united) Church of North India.

Sunday
9th January.
Baptism of Christ.
1st Sunday of Epiphany

St Mary, Nunthorpe

Clergy: The Revd Tessa Stephens, The Revd Laura Wild, The Revd Lisa Opala; Retired Clergy: The Revd Pat Harrison, The Revd John Blakesley; Reader: Janet Hinton; Churchwarden: David Young.

We thank God for the many people who offer their time, energy and prayers to support the life of the parish. Please pray for those who feel isolated and those who mourn. Pray that we might continue to reconnect with local families and find new ways to share the gospel in 2022.

Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

Monday
10th January.
William Laud, archbishop, 1645

St Mary Magdalene, Yarm; St Martin and St Hilary, Kirkclevington; All Saints, Picton and Worsall

Clergy: The Revd Darren Moore; Reader: David Local

We pray for our united benefice as the two parishes and three churches continue to discern the way forward in making Christ known to all within the community. We pray for our schools, their staff, parents and children at Kirkclevington, Layfield, Levendale and Yarm and for the work of the Monday morning lay-led Pram Service.

Diocese of Jaffna. The (united) Church of South India.

Tuesday
11th January.
Mary Slessor, missionary, 1915

St Peter and St Paul, Stokesley; St Martin, Seamer-in-Cleveland

Clergy: The Revd Ben Gunter; Lay reader: Noël Harker; Churchwardens: John Groom, Judith Turland, David Hand, Bev Turner.

We praise God for developing relationships with children, families and our local community school. As these begin to bear fruit, please pray that all our services and events will inspire and nurture faith, pointing people to Jesus and the fulfilled life he gives.

Diocese of Jalingo. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

Wednesday
12th January.
Aelfred, abbot, 1167.
Benedict Biscop, scholar, 689

The Whorlton Group: Holy Cross, Swainby-Whorlton; St Botolph, Carlton-in-Cleveland; St Cuthbert, Middleton-on-Leven; St Mary Magdalene, Faceby; All Saints, Crathorne; St Mary, Potto; All Saints, Rudby-in-Cleveland; Holy Cross Old Church, Whorlton; Carlton and Faceby CE Primary

Clergy: The Revd Dr Robert Opala, The Revd David Sudron; Readers: Gordon Clarke, Su Reid; Ordinand: Elaine Curry.

Please, pray for our parishes—that we may continue our journey towards deeper and intimate union with God. May your prayer strengthen us to follow our crucified Lord closely and with simplicity of hearts—that this will enable us to proclaim the Gospel and to support those who still search for God's grace of redemption.

The Diocese of Jamaica and The Cayman Islands. The Church in the Province of the West Indies.

Thursday
13th January.
Hilary, bishop, teacher of the faith, 367.
Kentigern (Mungo), missionary bishop, 603.
George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends (Quakers), 1691

Church Amongst Disabled People

God we thank you that you have made us all different and that you know and love us. God, we thank you for your good gifts. Forgive us, when we fail to love and accept people because they are different from us. Please open our hearts. Forgive us and restore us. Lord we thank you for the places we can be fully ourselves and the people we share them with. God, we thank you for your good gifts. Forgive us when we value being busy above including one another- please help us to slow down. Forgive us and restore us. We thank you for everyone in our neighbourhood who lives with disability, for no one is forgotten by you. God, we thank you for your good gifts. Forgive us when we have failed to offer friendship to those who are isolated and lonely in our community. Forgive us and restore us. We long for the time when we can all share our gifts for the common good. God, we thank you for your good gifts. Help us see your kingdom come.

Prayer from: www.livability.org.uk

Diocese of Jebba. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

Friday
14th January.

Dean of York Minster, The Rt Revd Dr Jonathan Frost

We give thanks for the Dean of York, Bishop Jonathan's years of ministry at York Minster. We pray that as he begins a new chapter in his ministry, he may continue in his faithful ministry of you and bless your people through his words and actions.

Diocese of Jerusalem. The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

Saturday
15th January.

HMP and YOI Kirkclevington Grange

We pray for all those in prison, that they may be set free from fear and isolation. In your mercy, may prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care, find hope and peace.

Diocese of San Joaquin. The Episcopal Church.

Sunday
16th January.
2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Living in Love and Faith

Please pray for the Living in Love and Faith conversations which are happening across our parishes and deaneries. That all involved may listen carefully, speak respectfully and as disciples of Jesus Christ, may rekindle the fruit of the Spirit in our hearts, our conversations and love for the world.

The Church of England

Monday
17th January.
Antony of Egypt, hermit, abbot, 356.
Charles Gore, bishop, founder of the Community of the Resurrection, 1932

York Diocesan Leadership Team

Pray for the Diocesan Leadership Team meeting on 18 January, for wisdom, unity and creativity in developing the vision of *Living Christ's Story*. Pray for all those who are in positions of leadership in our diocese and for the staff at the Diocesan Office.

Diocese of Johannesburg. The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

Tuesday
18th January.
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18-25 January.
Amy Carmichael, spiritual writer, 1951

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Theme: We Saw His Star in the East. Day 1

Creator of light, illumine our path by the light of Christ who moves before us and leads us.

May he be a beacon for our pilgrimage. Enlighten us and dwell within us. Guide us to discover a manger in our hearts where a great light still shines. We thank you for the gift of that unfading Star, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Heal our divisions and draw us closer to the Light that we may find our unity in him. Amen.

Diocese of Jos. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

Wednesday
19th January.
Wulfstan, bishop, 1095

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Day 2

Just and righteous God, we confess before you that we often covet worldly models of leadership. Help us to seek our Lord Jesus Christ not in the palaces of the powerful but in the humble manger. May we emulate him in his meekness and become servants to each other in obedience to you. We pray in the name of Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns forever in glory. Amen.

Diocese of Juba. The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

Thursday
20th January.
Richard Rolle, spiritual writer, 1349

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Day 3

Lord, you led us out of darkness to hope in Jesus. Unite us in our commitment to establish your reign of love, justice and peace, bringing light to those living in the darkness of despair and disillusionment. Shine your light upon us and surround us with the warmth of your love. Lift us up to you, so that our lives may glorify you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

Diocese of Kabba. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

Friday
21st January.
Agnes, child martyr, 304

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Day 4

Good Shepherd, the fragmentation of your 'little flock' grieves the Holy Spirit. Forgive our weak efforts and slowness in the pursuit of your will. Give us wise shepherds after your own heart who recognise the sin of division, and those who will lead the churches with righteousness and holiness, to unity in you. We ask you, Lord, to hear our prayer. Amen.

Diocese of Kadugli & Nuba Mountains. Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

Saturday
22nd January.
Vincent of Saragossa, deacon, martyr, 304

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Day 5

God our Guide, you sent the star to lead the Magi to your only begotten Son. Fill us with the confidence that you are walking with us. Open our eyes to your Spirit, and encourage us in our faith, so that we may confess that Jesus is Lord, and worship him as the Magi did in Bethlehem. Amen.

Diocese of Kaduna. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

Sunday
23rd January.
3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Day 6

Compassionate God, in your mercy, remove the scales from our eyes and lead us to repent and to worship you. In the midst of our sorrow and despite the depth of our sin, give us the capacity to love you with all our hearts. As we journey together with one heart and mind, may we glorify you in the Spirit's fellowship, and witness to those around us. Amen.

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.