



# Diocese of Newcastle Prayer Diary February 2021

## This week ...

'... and a sword will pierce your own soul too'. (Luke 2:35)

As we celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, we remember the words given to Mary, as we pray for those who face grief and pain in our communities that we might bring them the good news of God's comfort and hope in Jesus Christ with care and compassion.

### 1 Monday

Brigid, abbess of Kildare, c.525

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of All Saints Cathedral (Kenya)  
Abp Jackson Ole Sapit, Primate of All Kenya
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
Acting Area Dean: David Bowler  
Lay Chair: Lynne Craggs

### 2 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE or CANDLEMAS

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Aluakluak (South Sudan)  
Bp Isaac Nyaryiel Aleth
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
Deanery Secretary: Valerie Masterman  
Finance Officer: vacant

### 3 Wednesday

Anskar, archbishop of Hamburg, missionary in Denmark and Sweden, 865

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Amazônia (Brasil)  
Bp Marinez Rosa Dos Santos Bassotto
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
**United Benefice of Bedlington, Cambois and Sleekburn**  
Vicar: Ian Hennebry  
Readers: Anne Wager-Bradley, Jane Clark  
and Susan Ramshaw

- Bedlington Whitley Memorial C of E First School

### 4 Thursday

Gilbert of Sempringham, founder of the Gilbertine Order, 1189

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Amichi (Nigeria)  
Bp Ephraim O. Ikeakor
- **Bedlington Deanery**  
St Cuthbert's Parish Church, Bedlington
- **Praying for the Mothers' Union:**  
MU branch leaders in the diocese who work in our churches, leading members through prayer and service to offer support in their local communities.

### 5 Friday

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Amritsar (North India)  
Bp Pradeep Kumar Samantaroy
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
St Andrew's Church, Cambois

### 6 Saturday

The Martyrs of Japan, 1597

Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952

- **Anglican Communion**  
Diocese of Andaman & Car Nicobar Islands (North India) Bp Christopher Paul
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, Sleekburn

## This coming week ...

'he gave power to become children of God' (John 1:12)

We are all children of God, still learning and growing, so let's pray that all of us have opportunities to grow in Christ this year, and pray for all who teach, train and nurture faith in us.

## 7 SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

- **Porvoo Communion:**  
Diocese of Worcester  
Diocese of Hamar (Norway)
- **Anglican Communion:**  
The Anglican Church of Burundi  
Abp Martin Blaise Nyaboho
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
**Benefice of Blyth St Cuthbert**  
Vicar: Anthony Tooby  
Reader: Lynne Craggs and Josephine Kulke

## 8 Monday

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane (Scotland) Bp Ian Paton
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
**Benefice of Blyth St Mary**  
Vicar: Catherine Macpherson

## 9 Tuesday

- **Anglican Communion:**  
The Anglican Missionary District (Brasil)  
Bp in charge: Francisco de Assis da Silva
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
**Benefice of Choppington St Paul the Apostle**  
Vicar: Terry Moat

## 10 Wednesday

*Scholastica, sister of Benedict, abbess of Plombariola, c.543*

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Angola (Southern Africa)  
Bp André Soares
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
St Paul's Parish Church, Choppington

## 11 Thursday

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Ankole (Uganda)  
Bp Sheldon Frederick Mwesigwa
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
Holy Family Church, Stakeford
- **Praying for Unity:**  
For all preparing ecumenical courses and events for Lent

## 12 Friday

*Ethelwold of Lindisfarne, 740 [CNS] \**

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of North Ankole  
Bp Stephen Namanya
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
**Benefice of Cramlington Team Ministry**  
Team Rector: Wullie Docherty  
Team Vicar: David Gray  
Readers: John Brierley and Chris Hudson
- \* John Park, Area Dean of Morpeth

## 13 Saturday

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Northwest Ankole (Uganda)  
Bp Amos Magezi
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
St Nicholas' Parish Church, Cramlington
- Cragside C of E First School, Cramlington

### *This coming week ...*

*'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him'*  
(Mark 9:7)

As Christ's glory was revealed to his closest disciples they were commanded to listen. Let's pray for moments of stillness this week when we too can listen, listen for God's word for us, and recognise Christ's glory afresh.

## 14 SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

- **Porvoo Communion:**  
Diocese of Limerick and Killaloe (Ireland)  
Diocese of Roskilde (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark)
- **Anglican Communion:**  
The Anglican Church of Canada  
Abp Linda Nicholls, Primate
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
Church at Beaconhill Community Centre, Cramlington

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Newcastle diocesan website:  
[www.newcastle.anglican.org/prayerdiary](http://www.newcastle.anglican.org/prayerdiary)

## 15 Monday

Sigfrid, bishop, apostle of Sweden, 1045  
Thomas Bray, priest, founder of SPCK and SPG,  
1730

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of South Ankole (Uganda)  
Bp Nathan Ahimbisibwe
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
St Peter's Church, Northburn School,  
Cramlington

## 16 Tuesday

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of West Ankole (Uganda)  
Bp Johnson Twinomujuni
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
**Benefice of Delaval**  
Vicar: David Bowler

## 17 ASH WEDNESDAY

Finan of Lindisfarne, bishop, 661 [CNS] \*

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Antananarivo (Indian Ocean)  
Bp Samoela Jaona Ranarivelo
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
Church of Our Lady, Delaval
- \* John Sinclair, Rector of Upper Coquetdale

## 18 Thursday

Colman of Lindisfarne, bishop, 679 [CNS] \*

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Antsiranana (Indian Ocean)  
Bp Theophile Botomazava
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
St Michael's Church, New Hartley
- **Praying for Unity:**  
For all Church leaders in the North East
- \* Allan Marks, Vicar of Christ Church and St Ann's, Newcastle

## 19 Friday

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Araucanía (Chile)
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
St Paul's Parish Church, Seaton Sluice

## 20 Saturday

- **Anglican Communion:**  
**Diocese of The Arctic (Canada)**  
Bp David Parsons
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
**Benefice of Newsham (St Bede) and Horton**  
St Bede's Parish Church, Newsham  
Vicar: Ian Flintoft

### *This coming week ...*

*'He was in the wilderness for forty days ...'*  
(Mark 1:13)

As we enter Lent, it is often a time for personal reflection and growth, let's pray that this season will continue to help us reshape our personal priorities to better reflect the Kingdom of God.

## 21 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

- **Porvoo Communion:**  
Diocese of Peterborough  
Diocese of Meath and Kildare (Ireland)
- **Anglican Communion:**  
Church of the Province of Central Africa  
Abp Albert Chama
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
Parish Church of St Mary, Horton

## 22 Monday

- **Anglican Communion:**  
**Diocese of Argentina (South America)**  
Bp Brian Williams
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
**Benefice of St Benedict, Cowpen**  
Priest in charge: Ian Flintoft

## 23 Tuesday

Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, martyr, c.155

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Northern Argentina (South America)  
Bp Nicholas James Quested Drayson
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
**Benefice of Killingworth St John**  
Priest in charge: Sarah Moon  
Associate Priest: Alan Meighen  
Reader: Frances Pattison

## 24 Wednesday

Ember Day

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Argyll & The Isles (Scotland)  
Vacant see: election imminent
- **Bedlington Deanery**  
**Benefice of Seghill**  
Vicar: Phil Hughes  
Curate: Darren Bell  
Reader: Christine Bryars

### Lent Ember Days

Please pray for

- All preparing for ordination and licensing this year
- The parishes and institutions preparing to receive newly ordained/licensed ministers
- The Diocesan Director of Ordinands, Claire Robson, and all who work with her
- Lindisfarne College of Theology, its staff and students
- All who are exploring the possibility of public ministry

## 25 Thursday

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Arizona (ECUSA)  
Bp Jennifer Anne Reddall
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
St Mary's Parish Church, Holywell
- **Praying for Unity**  
For all involved in the planning and implementation of this year's 'Thy Kingdom Come' programme in May-June

## 26 Friday

Ember Day

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Arkansas (ECUSA)  
Bp Larry R Benfield

- **Bedlington Deanery:**

Holy Trinity Parish Church, Seghill  
*Please pray today and this weekend for the General Synod, and for those who represent the Diocese of Newcastle.*

## 27 Saturday

Ember Day

George Herbert, priest, poet, 1633

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Armagh (Ireland)  
Abp John McDowell
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
**Benefice of Weetslade**  
Vicar: Angela Maughan  
Associate Priest: Susan Rendall  
Parish Church of the Good Shepherd, Burradon

### This coming week ...

**'For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'** (Mark 8:33)

Jesus' rebuke to Peter is for all of us. Let's pray for all our committee meetings, in parishes, deaneries and at diocesan level, that their business reflects 'divine things' and helps us all grow in Christ.

## 28 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

- **Porvoo Communion:**  
Diocese of Canterbury  
Diocese of Down and Dromore (Church of Ireland)
- **Anglican Communion:**  
Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
St Paul's Parish Church, Dudley

## About this Prayer Diary

We continue to include in the Prayer Diary all those commemorated in **Celebrating the Northern Saints**, [CNS] and to remember our lay, residentiary and honorary canons on the day of the saints and influential people who have given their canonry its designation and/or stall in the Cathedral.

**Each week**, there is a stimulus to prayer, normally based on the Sunday Gospel, to guide our next steps in **growing church bringing hope**. We are grateful to Bishop Mark for these weekly reflections.

### SUNDAYS

For each Sunday, we follow a well-established pattern:

- First are intercessions for the Porvoo Communion (<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/cmsfiles/pdf/news/Committee/PORVOO-PRAYER-DIARY-2020.pdf>). The Porvoo Declaration commits the churches which have signed it to “share a common life” and “to pray for and with one another.”
- Second are intercessions from the new Anglican Cycle of Prayer, available at [www.anglicancommunion.org](http://www.anglicancommunion.org). Prayers on Sundays are for a Province of the Communion.
- Thirdly we remember our own Diocese of Newcastle, and the Bedlington Deanery, its churches, people and organisations, including Church Schools.

### WEEKDAYS

The pattern is similar on weekdays, but without the Porvoo Communion:

- Firstly, dioceses from the Anglican Cycle of Prayer
- Secondly, our own Diocese, and the people, parishes, churches and schools in Bedlington Deanery
- On the first Thursday, we pray for the work of the Mothers’ Union in the Diocese
- On Thursdays, we pray for the work of the Mothers’ Union in the Diocese (first week) and for Christian Unity (subsequent weeks).

We pray for our **Link Dioceses** as follows:

Botswana during January, April and October.

Møre during March, June and September.

Winchester during May, August and November.

The **Deaneries** are incorporated in the Prayer Diary in such a way as to include the **Benefices** (with names of ordained and lay ministers) and also, for benefices with more than one church, the constituent **churches**, in order that every congregation – and the local community in which it is set – can be remembered at least once during the year.

January	Morpeth (cont.) and Norham	July	Newcastle East
February	Bedlington	August	Newcastle West
March	Bellingham	September	Tynemouth
April	Corbridge	October	Alnwick
May	Hexham	November	Bamburgh & Glendale
June	Newcastle Central	December	Morpeth

I try to mark important days in the life of the Diocese (e.g. Diocesan Synods, Institutions and Licensings, ecumenical occasions) with a special note, but can only do so if I have the information early in the previous month. **Please don’t hesitate to send me information and prompts in good time.**