



Diocese of Newcastle

Prayer Diary

March 2023

This week ...

'Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.'
(Matthew 4:1)

It can be surprising where the Spirit leads us! As we begin Lent, let's pray for the Spirit's leading and guiding for us all, and especially for Bishop Helen-Ann as our new Bishop of Newcastle, and let's pray that the Spirit will give us all we need for the challenges ahead.

1 Wednesday

Ember Day

David, bishop of Menevia, patron of Wales, c.601

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of North Queensland (*Australia*)
Bp Keith Joseph
- **Diocese of Møre:**
Bishop Ingeborg Midttømme
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
Bishop Helen-Ann, as she begins her work and prepares for her Installation as our Bishop

Ember Days in Lent

Please pray especially for:

- Hannah Cleugh who is temporarily Director of Ordinands
- Those who are preparing for Ordination this year, and the parishes/institutions where they will serve
- Those preparing to attend Bishops' Advisory Panels
- All who study and teach at Cranmer Hall, Durham and Lindisfarne College of Theology
- All who exercise a ministry as spiritual director or soul friend or mentor

2 Thursday

Chad, bishop of Lichfield, missionary, 672

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Raiwind (*Pakistan*)
Most Revd Azad Marshall (Moderator)
- **Diocese of Møre:**
The Diocesan Council
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
Mark, Bishop of Berwick
- **The Mothers' Union:**
For the Diocesan Chaplain: Ann Marr (*Apologies for error last month – Ed*)
For MU trustees as they lead the work of members in our Diocese, that they may touch the lives of families in our communities.

3 Friday

Ember Day

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Rajasthan (*North India*)
Bp Darbara Singh
- **Diocese of Møre:**
Diocesan Director: Bjørn Olaf Storhaug
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
Area Dean: Sarah Lunn
Lay Chair: Alice Murray

4 Saturday

Ember Day

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Rayalaseema (*South India*)
Bp B D Prasada Rao
- **Diocese of Møre:**
Department of Church Issues: Arvid Helle
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
Deanery Secretary: *vacant*
Finance Officer: Roger Langford

This Prayer Diary can be downloaded each month from the Newcastle diocesan website:
www.newcastle.anglican.org/prayerdiary

This week ...

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.' (John 3:16)

One of the best known bible verses summarises the essence of the good news; let's pray for opportunities to share this good news with family, friends and colleagues, and for the courage to take those opportunities when they arise.

5 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Chelmsford
Diocese of Karlstad (*Church of Sweden*)
- **Anglican Communion:**
Church of the Province of South East Asia
Abp Melter Jiki Tais
- **Diocese of Møre:**
Human Resources Department: Alice Elnes,
Lars Skagestad, Tore Johan Øvstebø
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
Benefice of Chollerton with Birtley and Thockrington
Priest in Charge: Sarah Lunn
Associate Priest: Claire Maxim
Reader: James Feeley

6 Monday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Recife (*Brazil*)
Bp João Cancio Peixoto
- **Diocese of Møre:**
Senior consultant: Kjell Arild Istad
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
St Giles' Church, Birtley

7 Tuesday

Perpetua, Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage, 203

*Admiral Lord Collingwood, naval commander, 1810 [CNS] **

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Rejaf (*South Sudan*)
Bp Edward Tombe
- **Diocese of Møre:**
Adviser on Culture: John Erik Brakstad
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
St Giles' Church, Chollerton and

St Christopher's Church, Gunnerton

- Chollerton C of E First School
- * vacant canonry

8 Wednesday

Edward King, bishop of Lincoln, 1910

Felix, bishop, apostle to the East Angles, 647

Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, priest, poet, 1929

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Remo (*Nigeria*)
Abp Michael O Fape
- **Diocese of Møre:**
Adviser on Diakonia: Eline Elnes Rabbevang
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
St Aidan's Church, Thockrington

9 Thursday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Renk (*South Sudan*) Bp: vacant
- **Diocese of Møre:**
Adviser on Education: Bente Wangensten
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
Benefice of Humshaugh with Simonburn and Wark
Priest-in-Charge: Sarah Lunn
Associate Priest: Claire Maxim
Reader: Melanie Wilkinson
- **Praying for Unity:**
For all Roman Catholic congregations and their priests in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

10 Friday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Rhode Island (*ECUSA*)
Bp Nicholas Knisely
- **Diocese of Møre:**
Adviser on Mission: Geir Sakseid
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
St Peter's Church, Humshaugh
- Humshaugh C of E First School

11 Saturday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Rift Valley (*Tanzania*)
Bp John Daudi Lupaa
- **Diocese of Møre:**
Adviser on Church buildings:
Svein Magne Harnes
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
St Mungo's Church, Simonburn

This week ...

'But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.'

(John 4:23)

The worship of God is our eternal vocation; let's pray for all those who lead and enable the praise of God in our churches, that we might worship 'in spirit and truth', and that this might inspire our everyday worship 'to live and work to your praise and glory'.

12 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia
Diocese of Lichfield
Diocese of St David's (Wales)
- **Anglican Communion:**
The United Church of South India
Moderator: Most Revd Dharmaraj Rasalam
- **Diocese of Møre:**
Dean of Southern Sunnmøre Deanery:
Ingeborg Matre
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
St Michael's Church, Wark
- Wark C of E First School

13 Monday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)
Bp Eduardo Coelho Grillo
- **Diocese of Møre, Southern Sunnmøre Deanery:**
Parishes of Volda, Austerfjord and Dalsfjord
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
Benefice: North Tyne and Redesdale Team
Team Rector: Claire Maxim
Associate Priest: Sarah Lunn
Reader PTO: Michael Nixon

Please pray this evening for the people of Felton, Longframlington with Brinkburn, Whittingham and Edlingham with Bolton Chapel, as Richard Townend is licensed as Priest in Charge by Bishop Mark.

14 Tuesday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Rio Grande (ECUSA)
Bp Michael Hunn
- **Diocese of Møre, Southern Sunnmøre Deanery:**
Parishes of Kilsfjord, Ørsta and Vartdal
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
St Cuthbert's Church, Bellingham

15 Wednesday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Riverina (Australia)
Bp Donald Kirk
- **Diocese of Møre, Southern Sunnmøre Deanery:**
Parishes of Hjørundfjord, Storfjorden and Vanylven
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
St Cuthbert's Church, Corsenside and All Saints' Church, West Woodburn

16 Thursday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Rochester
Bp Jonathan Gibbs
- **Diocese of Møre, Southern Sunnmøre Deanery:**
Parishes of Åram, Syvde, Rovde and Sande
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
St Cuthbert's Church, Elsdon
- **Praying for Unity:**
For the healing of all the divisions within the Anglican Communion.

17 Friday

Patrick, bishop, missionary, patron of Ireland, c.460

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Rochester (ECUSA)
Bp Prince Singh
- **Diocese of Møre, Southern Sunnmøre Deanery:**
Parishes of Gursken, Herøy and Indre Herøy
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
St Peter's Church, Falstone

18 Saturday

Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem, teacher of the faith, 386

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Rockhampton (Australia)
Bp Peter Grice
- **Diocese of Møre, Southern Sunnmøre Deanery:**
Parishes of Leikanger, Ulstein and Hareid
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
St Aidan's Church, Thorneyburn

This week ...

'One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' (John 9:25)

Jesus' miraculous healing of a blind man leads to a lengthy interrogation; let's pray for our sisters and brothers around the world persecuted for their faith, that they would draw strength from their faith and that the eyes of those who oppress them might be opened.

19 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mothering Sunday

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Lund (Church of Sweden)
Diocese of Cashel, Ossory and Ferns (Ireland)
Diocese of Ely
- **Anglican Communion:**
The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
Abp Thabo Makgoba
- **Diocese of Møre:**
Dean of the Eastern Sunnmøre Deanery:
Svein Runde
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
St Francis' Church, Byrness

20 JOSEPH OF NAZARETH

Cuthbert, bishop of Lindisfarne, missionary, 687 [CNS] *

Herbert of Derwentwater, 687 [CNS] **

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Rokon (South Sudan)
Bp Emmanuel Lomoro Eluzai
- **Diocese of Møre, Eastern Sunnmøre Deanery:**
Parishes of Ørskog, Skodje and Stordal

- **Bellingham Deanery:**
Holy Trinity Church, Horsley
- * Archdeacon Rachel Wood
- ** Canon Glyn Evans

21 Tuesday

Thomas Cranmer, archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation martyr, 1556

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Rorya (Tanzania)
Bp John Adiemu
- **Diocese of Møre, Eastern Sunnmøre Deanery:**
Parishes of Norddal, Stranda and Liabygda
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
Church of St John the Baptist, Otterburn

22 Wednesday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Ruaha (Tanzania)
Bp Joseph Mgomu
- **Diocese of Møre, Eastern Sunnmøre Deanery:**
Parishes of Sunnylven and Geiranger
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
Benefice of St Oswald in Lee with Bingfield
Priest-in-Charge: Sarah Lunn
Associate Priest: Claire Maxim

23 Thursday

Felgild and Ethilwald of Farne, hermits, 699 [CNS]

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Lake Rukwa (Tanzania)
Bp Mathayo Kasangara
- **Diocese of Møre, Eastern Sunnmøre Deanery:**
Parishes of Sykkylven and Ikornnes
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
St Mary's Church, Bingfield
- **Praying for Unity:**
For all participating in ecumenical Lent Groups and courses

24 Friday

Walter Hilton of Thurgarton, Augustinian canon, mystic, 1396

Paul Couturier, priest, ecumenist, 1953

Oscar Romero, archbishop of San Salvador, martyr, 1980

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Rumbek (*South Sudan*)
Most Revd Alapayo Manyang Kuctiel
- **Diocese of Møre:**
Dean of Northern Sunnmøre Deanery:
Sven Klemmetsby
- **Bellingham Deanery**
St Oswald's Church, Heavenfield

25 THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Rumonge (*Burundi*)
Bp Pedaculi Birakengana
- **Diocese of Møre, Northern Sunnmøre Deanery:**
Parishes of Ålesund, Volsdalen and Borgund
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
St George's Church, Wall

This week ...

'Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.'
(John 11:5-6)

Jesus' seemingly inexplicable inaction at the start of this episode might resonate with many of us who have wrestled with not understanding the timings or purposes of God. As we journey into the mystery of Passiontide, let's pray for all who struggle with unanswered prayer and wrestle with questions about God in the face of suffering.

26 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Passiontide begins

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Armagh (*Ireland*)
Diocese of Funen (*Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark*)
- **Anglican Communion:**
The Anglican Church of South America
Primate: Bp Nicholas Drayson
- **Diocese of Møre, Northern Sunnmøre Deanery:**
Parishes of Ellingsøy, Spjelkavik and Sula

- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
Rachel Wood, Archdeacon of
Northumberland

27 Monday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Rupert's Land (*Canada*)
Bp Geoffrey Woodcroft
- **Diocese of Møre, Northern Sunnmøre Deanery:**
Parishes of Giske, Valderøy and Vigra
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
Catherine Sourbut Groves, Archdeacon of
Lindisfarne

28 Tuesday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Rutana (*Brundi*)
Bp Pontien Ribakare
- **Diocese of Møre, Northern Sunnmøre Deanery:**
Parishes of Haram, Fjørtoft and Vatne
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
Pray for those responsible for appointing a
new Director of Mission and Ministry

29 Wednesday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Ruvuma (*Tanzania*)
Bp Raphael Haule
- **Diocese of Møre, Northern Sunnmøre Deanery:**
Parishes of Hamnsund and Brattvåg
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
Pray for all the Hon. Assistant Bishops

30 Thursday

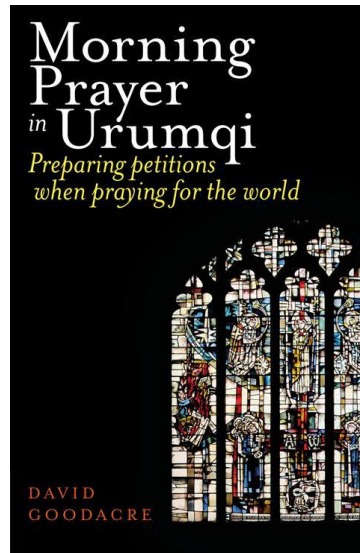
- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Ruwenzori (*Uganda*)
Bp Reuben Kisembo
- **Diocese of Møre, Inner Romsdal Deanery:**
Parishes of Grytten, Kors and Øverdalen
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all whose work is based at Church
House, North Shields
- **Praying for Unity:**
For all those worshipping in shared
buildings or sharing in ecumenical
partnerships and projects

31 Friday

John Donne, priest, poet, 1631

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of East Ruwenzori (*Uganda*)
Bp George Turyasingura
- **Diocese of Møre, Inner Romsdal Deanery:**
Parishes of Hen, Eid and Holm and Voll

- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all whose work is based at Bishop's House in Newcastle



Morning Prayer in Urumqi

Preparing petitions when praying for the world

by David Goodacre

What is happening to the Church's intercessions at the Sunday Eucharist? We pray regularly for the Church and certainly for the sick and the dying, but rarely for the local community; sometimes for the cessation of some war currently in the news and perhaps for the government, but nothing specific! Anyone coming into a church and hearing such intercessions might be forgiven for supposing that its primary concern was for itself, not really for anything much beyond.

An important strand of the Church's vocation is to pray with the Ascended Lord for the world beyond the Church. David Goodacre is out to encourage intercessors to pray more widely and more imaginatively. He speaks first of the problem, then explores the theology of intercession, before spelling out a way of preparing more specific petitions. He asks intercessors to examine what associations they may—from the news, from reading, from personal connection—have with different parts of the world, illustrating this by sharing his own personal associations in a series of 52 vignettes—one for each week of the Church's year.

Morning Prayer is available now. It is published by Sacristy Press at www.sacristy.co.uk.

A personal footnote from the Editor of the Prayer Diary:

I received a copy of this book a few days ago and ended up spending a whole morning exploring it. Here a blend of scholarship, spirituality, personal memoir and poetry such as I have rarely encountered in a single volume before. It has huge potential to inspire and deepen our personal and corporate prayer for the world.

Richard Hill

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 short 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 this month's reflections.

ON SUNDAYS, we follow a well-established pattern:

- First are intercessions for the Porvoo Communion (<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/resources/493/porvoo-prayer-diary-2023>). 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 Anglican Cycle of Prayer, available at www.anglicancommunion.org. Prayers on Sundays are for a Province of the Communion.
- Thirdly we pray for our link Diocese of Møre in Norway.
- Fourthly we remember our own Diocese of Newcastle, and the Bellingham Deanery, its churches, people and organisations, including Church Schools.

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

- Firstly, dioceses from the Anglican Cycle of Prayer
- Secondly, our link Diocese of Møre
- Thirdly, our own Diocese, and the people, parishes, churches and schools in Bellingham Deanery.
- On the first Thursday, we pray for the work of the Mothers' Union in the Diocese
- On subsequent Thursdays, we pray for Christian Unity.

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.**

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