



Diocese of Newcastle

Prayer Diary

October 2021

Please read the message from Bishop Metlha in Botswana, which is on the penultimate page of this Prayer Diary.

1 Friday

Remigius, bishop of Rheims, apostle of the Franks, 533

Anthony Ashley Cooper, Earl of Shaftesbury, social reformer, 1885

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Freetown (West Africa)
Bp Thomas Arnold Wilson
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Metlha Beleme, Diocesan Bishop
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Area Dean: Alison Hardy

2 Saturday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Gahini (Rwanda)
Bp Alexis Bilindabagabo
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Theo Naledi, retired Bishop
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Lay Chair: Frances Allsop

This week ...

'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.' (Mark 10:14)

Let's pray for our children and young people that they will grow in faith, for our churches to be open and welcoming to their presence and input, and for our schools and teachers as they care, teach and inspire.

3 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Liverpool
Diocese of Monmouth (Church in Wales)

Diocese of Haderslev (Evangelical Lutheran Church of Denmark)

- **Anglican Communion:**
The Church in Wales
Archbishop of Wales (vacant)
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Gaborone:
Celestino Chishimba, Dean and Archdeacon (Cathedral), Fr Octavius Bolelang and Revd Boitshoko Gabaraane
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Deanery Secretary: Jill Wharton
Finance Officer: Joanna Chillingsworth

4 Monday

Francis of Assisi, friar, deacon, 1226

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Gambella (Alexandria)
(vacant see)
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Barnabas Church, Old Naledi (served by the Cathedral of the Holy Cross)
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Benefice of Alnwick St Michael and St Paul
Vicar: Paul Scott
Readers: John Cooke and Annette Playle

5 Tuesday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Gambia (West Africa)
Bp James Odico
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of Francistown: Ven Moreri
Leteemane (Archdeacon – North), Fr George Callender, Fr Samuel Moraloki, Fr Olebile James Galebotswe, Fr Lekono Malabola, Fr Andries Matlhare and Fr Tshiamo Takongwa
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
St Michael and St Paul Parish Church, Alnwick
- Alnwick St Michael's C of E First School

6 Wednesday

William Tyndale, translator of the scriptures,
Reformation martyr, 1536

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Garissa Missionary Area (Kenya)
Bp David Mutisya
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of Francistown: St Patrick's Church
and St Carantoc's Church
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Denwick Chapel

7 Thursday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Gasabo (Rwanda)
Bp Onesphore Rwaje
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Stephen's, Tonota, St Alban's, Moroka,
All Saints', Matsiloje and St Paul's, Tati Siding
(all served by the Parish of Francistown)
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Benefice of Amble St Cuthbert
Priest in Charge: John McDermott
Readers: Sarah Mitchell, Samuel Palin and
Mari Mander
- **The Mothers' Union:**
All MU branches in our Diocese

8 Friday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Gboko (Nigeria)
Bp Emmanuel Nyitsse
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Christ the King, Orapa, St John's, Makaleng
and Sowa Town (served by the Parish of
Francistown)
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Benefice of Chevington St John the Divine
Priest in Charge: vacant

9 Saturday

Denys, bishop of Paris, and his companions,
martyrs, c.250

Robert Grosseteste, bishop of Lincoln,
philosopher, scientist, 1253

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of George (Southern Africa)
Bp Brian Marajh

- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Andrew, Selebi Phikwe:
Ven Sefularo Mogopodi (Archdeacon –
Central) and Fr Abraham Kajane
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
**Benefice of Embleton and Rennington and
Rock**
Priest in Charge: Alison Hardy
Assistant Curates: Ian Chadwick and
Barrie Cooper
Readers: Deborah Elliott and Bill Devonshire

This week ...

'... for God all things are possible' (Mark
10:27)

Let's pray for our sharing of resources with
those in need and for our giving in grace and
generosity, they we may be surprised by
what God makes possible in and through us.

10 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Paulinus, bishop of York, missionary, 644
[CNS *]

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Truro
Diocese of Tönsberg (*Church of Norway*)
Diocese of Strängnäs (*Church of Sweden*)
- **Anglican Communion:**
Church of the Province of West Africa
Most Revd Jonathan Hart, Primate
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Peter's, Mmadinare (outstation of St
Andrew's, Selebi Phikwe)
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Church of St Peter the Fisherman, Craster
- * Canon John Sinclair, rector of Upper
Coquetdale

11 Monday

Ethelburga, abbess of Barking, 675

James the Deacon, companion of Paulinus, 7th
century [CNS *]

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Georgia (USA) Bp Frank Logue
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Augustine's Theological School:
Canon James Amanze

- **Alnwick Deanery:**
St Mary's Church, Newton
- * *vacant canonry*

12 Tuesday

Wilfrid of Ripon, bishop, missionary, 709 [CNS *]

Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer, 1845

Edith Cavell, nurse, 1915

Edwin, king of Northumbria, martyr, 633 [CNS **]

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Gippsland (Australia)
Bp Richard Treloar
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Augustine, Serowe:
Fr Ford Godiraone Gaogane
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Holy Trinity Parish Church, Embleton
- Vincent Edwards C of E First School
- * Canon Alan Paterson, Vicar of Cowgate and Priest in Charge of St Wilfrid, Newbiggin Hall
- ** Canon Brian Hurst, Vicar of St George and St Hilda, Jesmond

13 Wednesday

Edward the Confessor, king of England, 1066

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Gitega (Burundi)
Bp John Nduwayo
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St James the Great, Mahalapye:
Fr Kealeboga Lekoba
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
All Saints' Parish Church, Rennington

14 Thursday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway (Scotland)
Bp Kevin Pearson
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Joseph, Shoshong and
St Ignatius of Loyola, Machaneng
(served by St James the Great, Mahalapye)
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Parish Church of St Philip & St James, Rock
- **Praying for Unity:**
Pray for the leaders and members of the
Salvation Army

15 Friday

Teresa of Avila, teacher of the faith, 1582

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Gloucester
Bp Rachel Treweek
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Mark, Lobatse:
Fr Botshabelo Beleme, Fr Solomon Diphoko
and Revd Godfrey Tsetsengwe
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Benefice of Felton
Priest in Charge: *vacant*
Associate Priest: Michael Hepper
- Felton C of E Primary School

16 Saturday

Nicholas Ridley, bishop of London, and Hugh Latimer, bishop of Worcester, Reformation martyrs, 1555

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Gogrial (South Sudan)
Bp Abraham Ngor Mangong
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Mary Magdalene, Palapye and
St Cyprian, Seleka: Fr George Moshapa
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Benefice of Lesbury with Alnmouth
Priest in Charge-designate: Alison Hardy
Assistant Priest: Ian Chadwick (*from 31.10.21*)
Assistant Curate: Barrie Cooper
Reader: Susanna Swales

This week ...

'For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.' (Mark 10:45)

As we follow the Son of Man, our Servant King, let's pray that we might be inspired in our practical serving of others in our families, workplaces and communities.

17 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Växjö (*Church of Sweden*)
Diocese of Oxford
- **Anglican Communion:**
Church in the Province of the West Indies
Most Revd Howard Gregory, Primate
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Michael and All Angels,
Broadhurst: Fr Jooste Motshwane,
Fr Bonny Bashe and Fr Patrick Rampha
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Parish Church of St John the Baptist,
Alnmouth
- Alnmouth Friary: the friars and all who enjoy
their hospitality

18 LUKE THE EVANGELIST

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Goma (*Congo*)
Bp Kadhoru Desire Makanirwa
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Matthew's, Mochudi (served by the Parish
of St Michael and All Angels)
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels,
Howick

19 Tuesday

Henry Martyn, translator of the Scriptures,
missionary in India and Persia, 1812

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Gombe (*Nigeria*)
Bp Cletus Ajigben Tambari
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Paul, Molepolole:
Fr Mooketsi Mokgatlhe, Fr Western Medupe
and Fr Bakang Banks Lesetedi
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
St Marys Parish Church, Lesbury

20 Wednesday

Grace Darling, altruist, 1842 [CNS *]

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Grafton (*Australia*)
Bp Murray Harvey

- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Thomas', Letlhakeng
(served by the Parish of St Paul, Molepolole)
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul,
Longhoughton (including Boulmer)
- Longhoughton C of E Primary School
- * Canon Lesley Towers

21 Thursday

Tuda, bishop of Lindisfarne, 664 [CNS]

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Grahamstown (*Southern Africa*)
Bp Ebenezer Ntlali
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parishes of St Andrew, Mmopane, St James,
Kopong and St Luke, Lentsweletau:
Fr Paul Beleme
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Benefice of Longframlington with Brinkburn
Vicar: *vacant*
Associate Priest: Michael Hepper
Reader: Kate Watson
- **Praying for Unity:**
Pray for the 'new' churches and fellowships
in our region.

*Please pray today for Daniel McCarthy and the
parish of the Holy Cross, Fenham, where he will
be licensed as Interim Minister by Bishop Mark
this evening.*

22 Friday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Guadalcanal (*Melanesia*)
Bp Nathan Tome
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parishes of Holy Trinity, Mmankgodi,
St Matthew, Thamanga and St Mark,
Moshupa: Fr Isaac Mupfumi
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Benefice: Upper Coquetdale
Rector: John Sinclair
Assistant Curate: John Storey

23 Saturday

Aelflaed of Whitby, abbess, 714 [CNS]

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Guatemala (*Central America*)
Bp Armando Guerra Soria
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Peter, Mogoditshane:
Fr Ezekiel Nthokwa and
Fr Munyaradzi Mubata
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels,
Alnham

This week ...

'I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable.' (2 Timothy 4:1-2)

Let's pray for all who teach God's Word, that hearts and minds will be opened to God's truth and love in life-changing and world-transforming ways.

24 LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (**may be observed as BIBLE SUNDAY or as DEDICATION FESTIVAL**)

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Carlisle
Diocese of Stavanger (*Church of Norway*)
- **Anglican Communion:**
Churches Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury:
Church of Ceylon, Bermuda, the Lusitanian Church, the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain and the Falkland Islands
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parishes of St John the Baptist, Gabane and St Patrick, Kumakwane: Fr Martin Mosima
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels,
Alwinton

25 Monday

Crispin and Crispinian, martyrs at Rome, c.287

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Guildford
Bp Andrew Watson
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Simon of Cyrene, Tiokweng:

Ven Joe Tsuaneng (Archdeacon – South) and
Fr Nelson Mwaniki

- **Alnwick Deanery:**
All Saints' Parish Church, Rothbury

26 Tuesday

Alfred the Great, king of the West Saxons,
scholar, 899

Cedd, abbot of Lastingham, bishop of the East Saxons, 664 [CNS]

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Guinea (*West Africa*)
Bp Jacques Boston
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St John the Baptist, Tsabong:
Fr Peter Moshapa
- **Alnwick Deanery**
Christ Church, Hepple

27 Wednesday

*Eata, bishop of Lindisfarne, 686 [CNS *]*

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Gujarat (*North India*)
Bp Silvans Christian
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Villages with churches in the Tsabong area:
Khuis, Middlepits, Bogogobo and
Kolonkweng (served mainly by Lay Ministers)
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Church of St Mary the Virgin, Holystone
- * This stall is occupied by Cathedral Readers

28 SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Central Gulf Coast (*ECUSA*)
Bp Russell Kendrick
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Villages with churches in the Tsabong area:
Maralaleng, Omaweneno, Malashe and Khisa
(served mainly by Lay Ministers)
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
St Andrew's Church, Thropton
- **Praying for Unity:**
Pray for all preparing to take part in
ecumenical pilgrimages in 2022, including
Oberammergau

29 Friday

James Hannington, bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, martyr in Uganda, 1885

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Gusau (Nigeria)
Bp John Garba Danbinta
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Villages with churches in the Tsabong area: Draalheok, Makopong and Werda (served mainly by Lay Ministers)
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Benefice of Warkworth, Acklington and Shilbottle
Priest in Charge: Helen O'Sullivan
Associate Priest: Christine Shield
Readers: Roger Styring, Cynthia Bishop and Margaret Weaver

30 Saturday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Guyana (West Indies)
Bp Charles Davidson
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
New Church groups: Maun and Kasane (served by the Parish of Francistown)
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
St James' Parish Church, *Shilbottle*

This week ...

'You are not far from the kingdom of God.'
(Mark 12:34)

This commendation from Jesus follows the right understanding of loving God, neighbour and self. As COP26 approaches, let's pray for a deepening of our love for God and for all he has created and that his kingdom might come.

31 FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

(may be observed as ALL SAINTS' DAY)

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Winchester
Diocese of Agder and Telemark (*Church of Norway*)
- **Anglican Communion:**
The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria Abp Samy Fawzy
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
The strengthening of links between the Dioceses of Newcastle and Botswana
- **Deanery of Alnwick:**
Parish Church of St John the Divine, Acklington
- Acklington C of E First School

Please pray for Alison Hardy and Ian Chadwick who will be licensed this afternoon by Bishop Christine to new responsibilities in the parishes of Longhoughton, Howick, Lesbury and Alnmouth.

We shall conclude our prayers for Alnwick Deanery at the beginning of November.



**A note from Bishop Metlha in Botswana
for our prayers this month ...**

COVID 19

With the shortage of vaccines, the disease has ravaged the whole country. Parishes are affected one way or the other and we continue to bury our brothers and sisters – the months of July and August 2021 being the worst. We pray and hope that as vaccines arrive in the country, things will get better.

The income of the Church has also been hit hard – with some losing their jobs and retrenchments because of closure of industries and churches closures at times. But with the help of God, we are managing under the circumstances.

We continue to meet for worship on Sundays, making sure our assemblies stay at the 50 people maximum level and for not more than two hours (as required by Covid 19 protocols).

We believe that we will never be without the awareness, love and care of our Saviour. All our sufficiency is from God – Have faith and choose hope.

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.

SUNDAYS

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

- First are intercessions for the Porvoo Communion (<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/resources/493/porvoo-prayer-diary-2020>). 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 Botswana.
- Fourthly we remember our own Diocese of Newcastle, and in particular the Deanery of Alnwick, its churches, people and organisations, including Church Schools, where possible, on the same day as the parish of which they are part.

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 Botswana.
- Thirdly, people, parishes, churches and schools in Alnwick Deanery.
- 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.**

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