



## This month

We continue to include in the Calendar all those 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.

### 1 NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS

- **Aba (Nigeria)** Abp Ugochukwu Ezuoke  
**Aba Ngwa North (Nigeria)**  
Bp Nathan Kanu
- **Diocese of Botswana**  
Metlhe Beleme, Diocesan Bishop
- **Morpeth Deanery:**  
St Andrew's Parish Church, Seaton Hirst

### 2 Tuesday

Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianus, bishops, teachers of the faith, 379 and 389  
*Seraphim, monk of Sarov, spiritual guide, 1833*  
*Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah, bishop in South India, evangelist, 1945*

- **Abakaliki (Nigeria)** Bp Monday Nkwoagu
- **Diocese of Botswana**  
Theo Naledi, retired Bishop
- **Morpeth Deanery:**  
St John's Parish Church, Seaton Hirst

### 3 Wednesday

*Roger Thornton, benefactor, 1430 [CNS] \**

- **Aberdeen & Orkney (Scotland)**  
Bp-designate Anne Dyer
- **Diocese of Botswana:**  
Celestino Chishimba, Dean and Archdeacon (Cathedral)
- **Morpeth Deanery:**  
**Benefice of Stannington St Mary the Virgin**  
Priest-in-Charge: Catherine Pickford

Reader: Roy Hudspith

- \* Paul Woolston, Lay Canon

### 4 Thursday

- **Accra (Ghana)**  
Bp Daniel Sylvanus Mensah Torto
- **Diocese of Botswana:**  
Cathedral of the Holy Cross:  
Fr Octavius Bolelang
- **Morpeth Deanery:**  
**Benefice of Ulgham and Widdrington**  
Priest-in-Charge: Joanna Dobson  
Reader: Jonathan Cummins

### 5 Friday

- **Adelaide (Australia)** Bps Geoffrey Smith, Christopher McLeod and Tim Harris
- **Diocese of Botswana:**  
Parish of Francistown: Ven Raymond Salumu, Archdeacon (North) and Fr George Callender
- **Morpeth Deanery:**  
Holy Trinity Parish Church, Widdrington

### 6 Saturday

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Pray for all who work at the Anglican Communion Office in London
- **Diocese of Botswana:**  
Parish of Francistown: Fr Samuel Moraloki and Fr Bakang Banks Lesetedi
- **Morpeth Deanery**  
Parish Church of Ulgham St John, Widdrington Station

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

## 7 THE EPIPHANY

- **Porvoo Communion:**  
Diocese of Chichester  
Diocese of Mikkeli (*Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland*)
- **Anglican Church in Aoteoroa, New Zealand and Polynesia**  
Abp Philip Richardson
- **Diocese of Botswana:**  
Parish of St Andrew, Selebi Phikwe:  
Fr Sefularo Mogopodi and Fr Olebile James Galebotswe
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**  
Bishop Christine, and Pete Askew,  
Chaplain and Adviser

*Please give thanks and pray today for Christopher Dalliston, Dean, and all attending his farewell service in St Nicholas' Cathedral this afternoon. Pray for him and Michelle as they begin a new chapter in their lives.*

## 8 BAPTISM OF CHRIST

*John Dobson, architect, 1865 [CNS] \**

- **Afikpo (Nigeria)** Bp Paul Uduogu
- **Diocese of Botswana:**  
Parish of St Augustine, Serowe:  
Van Moreri Leteemane, Archdeacon  
(Central) and Fr Ford Godiraone Gaogane
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**  
Bishop Mark and all who support his  
ministry
- \* Roger Windass, Lay Canon

*Please pray today for Pat Moran, and the people of Bywell, Stocksfield and Mickley, where she is to be licensed as Priest-in-Charge by Bishop Christine*

## 9 Tuesday

- **Agra (N India)** Bp Prem Prakash Habil
- **Diocese of Botswana:**  
St Augustine Theological School:  
Canon James Amanze
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**  
Geoff Miller, Archdeacon of  
Northumberland, and Peter Robinson,  
Archdeacon of Lindisfarne

## 10 Wednesday

*William Laud, archbishop of Canterbury*

- **Aguata (Nigeria)** Abp Christian Efobi  
**Ahoda (Nigeria)** Bp Clement Ekpeye

- **Diocese of Botswana:**  
Parish of St James the Great, Mahalapye:  
Fr Kealeboga Lekobia
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**  
Diocesan Secretary: Shane Waddle and all  
who work at Church House, North Shields

## 11 Thursday

*Benedict Biscop, abbot of Wearmouth,  
scholar, 689 [CNS] \**

*Mary Slessor, missionary in West Africa, 1915*

- **Aipa Rongo (Papua New Guinea)**  
Bp Nathan Ingen
- **Diocese of Botswana:**  
Parish of St John the Baptist, Tsabong:  
Fr Botshabelo Beleme
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**  
All our Honorary Assistant Bishops:  
John Packer, Stephen Pedley,  
Stephen Platten, John Richardson and  
Glyn Webster
- \* Steven Harvey, Residentiary Canon

## 12 Friday

*Aelred of Hexham, abbot of Rievaulx, 1167*

- **Ajayi Crowther (Nigeria)**  
Bp Olugbenga Oduntan
- **Diocese of Botswana:**  
Parish of St Mark Lobatse: Fr James  
McKeran and Fr Solomon Diphoko
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**  
Education Director: Paul Rickeard and all  
who work with him in supporting the  
many Church schools in our Diocese

## 13 Saturday

*Hilary, bishop of Poitiers, teacher of the faith,  
367*

*Kentigern (Mungo) missionary bishop in  
Strathclyde and Cumbria, 603*

*George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends  
(the Quakers), 1691*

- **Akoko (Nigeria)** Bp Gabriel Akinbiyi  
**Akoko Edo (Nigeria)** Bp Jolly Oyekpen
- **Diocese of Botswana:**  
Parish of St Michael and All Angels,  
Broadhurst: Fr Jooste Motshwane and  
Fr Bonny Bashe
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**  
The work of the Children's and Young  
People's Work Support Team and their  
leader, Judith Sadler

## 14 SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

*John the Chanter, monk and musician, c.681*  
[CNS] \*

- **Porvoo Communion:**  
Diocese of London  
Diocese of Nidaros and Trondheim  
(Church of Norway)
- **Anglican Church of Australia**  
Abp Philip Freier
- **Diocese of Botswana:**  
Parish of St Paul, Molepolole:  
Fr Mooketsi Mokgatlhe, Fr Paul Beleme,  
Fr Aaron Mhiko, Fr Western Medupe and  
Fr Isaac Mupfumi
- **Norham Deanery:**  
Area Dean: Rob Kelsey  
Lay Chair: John Ayerst
- \* Andrew Shipton, Honorary Canon

## 15 Monday

*John Cosin, theologian and liturgist, 1672* [CNS]  
*Ceolwulf, king of Northumbria, 737* [CNS]

- **Akot (South Sudan)** Bp Isaac Dhieu Ater
- **Diocese of Botswana:**  
Parish of St Peter, Mogoditshane:  
Fr Martin Mosima and Fr Ezekiel Nthokwa
- **Norham Deanery:**  
Deanery Secretary: Ian Corsie  
Finance Officer: Terry Harris

## 16 Tuesday

*Henry of Coquet Island, 1127* [CNS]

- **Akure (Nigeria)** Bp Simeon Borokini
- **Diocese of Botswana:**  
Parish of St Simon of Cyrene, Tiokweng:  
Ven Joe Tsuaneng, Archdeacon (South),  
Fr Peter Moshapa
- **Norham Deanery:**
- **Benefice of Berwick Holy Trinity and St Mary**  
Vicar: Dennis Handley  
Curate: John Vilaseca  
Reader: Anne Harris
- Berwick Holy Trinity C of E First School  
and Berwick St Mary's C of E First School

## 17 Wednesday

*Antony of Egypt, hermit, abbot, 356*  
*Charles Gore, bishop, founder of the*  
*Community of the Resurrection, 1932*

- **Alabama (USA)** Bp John Sloan
- **Albany (USA)** Bp William Love
- **Diocese of Botswana:**  
Parish of St Stephen, Tonota:  
Fr BashieTsheole
- **Norham Deanery:**  
**Benefice of Cornhill with Carham and Branxton**  
Priest-in-charge: Rob Kelsey  
NS Curate: John Carr

## 18 Thursday

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins**

*Amy Carmichael, founder of the Dohnavur Fellowship, spiritual writer, 1951*

- **Alaska (USA)** Bp Mark Lattime
- **Diocese of Botswana:**  
Parish of All Saints, Matsiloje: *vacant*  
Parish of St Peter, Mmadinare: *vacant*
- **Norham Deanery:**  
St Paul's Parish Church, Branxton
- For our Ecumenical Officer, Janet Appleby, and the Ecumenism Task Group

## 19 Friday

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

*Wulfstan, bishop of Worcester, 1095*

- **Algoma (Canada)** Bp Anne Germond
- **Diocese of Botswana:**  
Parish of St Mary Magdalene, Palapye:  
Fr George Moshapa
- **Norham Deanery:**  
St Cuthbert's Parish Church, Carham
- For the Roman Catholic Church

## 20 Saturday

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

*Richard Rolle of Hampole, spiritual writer, 1349*

- **Amazon (Brazil)**  
Bp Saulo Mauricio de Barros
- **Diocese of Botswana:**  
The staff at the Diocesan Office
- **Norham Deanery:**  
St Helen's Parish Church, Cornhill
- For all churches in the Orthodox tradition

## 21 THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Dame Eleanor Allen, educationalist, 1708

[CNS]\*

- **Porvoo Communion:**  
Diocese of Oulu (*Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland*)  
Diocese of Soer-Hålogaland (*Church of Norway*)  
Diocese of Coventry
- **The Church of Bangladesh**  
Most Revd Paul Shishir Sarker, Moderator
- **Diocese of Botswana:**  
The Chancellor: Judge Rannowane  
The Registrar: Laurence Khupe  
Assistant Registrar: Amy Luhanga
- **Norham Deanery:**  
**Benefice of Ford and Etal and Lowick and Kyloe with Ancroft**  
Vicar: Victor Dickinson
- \* Julie Robson, Lay Canon
- For the worldwide Methodist Church

## 22 Monday

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Vincent of Saragossa, deacon, first martyr of Spain, 304

- **Amichi (Nigeria)** Bp Ephraim Ikeakor
- **Diocese of Botswana:**  
Diocesan Treasurer: Sam Mathabathe
- **Norham Deanery:**  
St Anne's Parish Church, Ancroft
- For all Lutheran and Reformed Churches

## 23 Tuesday

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

- **Amritsar (N India)**  
Bp Pradeep Samantaroy  
**Andaman & Car Nicobar Islands (N India)**  
Bp Christopher Paul
- **Diocese of Botswana:**  
The Mothers' Union: Amogelang Rakwadi, Diocesan President
- **Norham Deanery:**  
Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Etal
- For the Salvation Army and the Society of Friends

## 24 Wednesday

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Francis de Sales, bishop of Geneva, teacher of the faith, 1622

- **Porvoo Communion:**  
Diocese of Oslo (*Church of Norway*)  
Diocese of Durham  
Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness (*Scottish Episcopal Church*)
- **All Saints Cathedral (Kenya)**  
Abp Jackson Ole Sapit and  
Bps David Mutisa and Cleti Ogeto
- **Diocese of Botswana:**  
Diocesan Anglican Men's and Women's Fellowships
- **Norham Deanery**  
St Michael and All Angels' Church, Ford
- Hugh Joicey C of E First School, Ford
- For all churches in the Pentecostal and Charismatic traditions

## 25 THE CONVERSION OF PAUL

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends

- **Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior** (formerly Cariboo) (*Canada*)  
Bp Barbara Jean Andrews
- **Diocese of Botswana:**  
Diocesan Youth Association of Botswana
- **Norham Deanery:**  
St John's Parish Church, Lowick
- Lowick C of E First School
- All Black, African and Ethnic Minority churches in Britain

## 26 Friday

Timothy and Titus, companions of Paul

- **Angola (Southern Africa)**  
Bp Andre Soares
- **Diocese of Botswana:**  
Choirs, organists and music leaders
- **Norham Deanery:**  
**Benefice of Holy Island St Mary the Virgin**  
Vicar: *vacant*  
Reader: Maureen Bushnell
- Holy Island C of E First School

## 27 Saturday

- **Ankole** (*Uganda*) Bp Sheldon Mwesigwa  
**Northwest Ankole** (*Uganda*)  
Bp Amos Magezi
- **Diocese of Botswana:**  
Diocesan projects: Day Care Centres, HIV and AIDS, Holy Cross Hospice
- **Norham Deanery:**  
**Benefice of Norham St Cuthbert and Duddo All Saints**  
Vicar: Rob Kelsey
- Norham St Ceowulf C of E First School

## 28 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

May be observed as PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)

- **Porvoo Communion:**  
Diocese of Tampere *Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland*  
Diocese of Manchester
- **Igreja Episcopal Anglicana de Brasil**  
Most Revd Francisco De Assis Da Silva
- **Diocese of Botswana:**  
Lay ministers, Sunday Schools, leaders and teachers
- **Norham Deanery:**  
**Benefice of Scremerston and Spittal**  
Priest-in-Charge: Matthew Knox  
Reader: Gordon Chapman

*Please pray today for all involved in Holocaust Day commemorations, including Bishop Mark*

## 29 Monday

*Gildas, priest and historian, 570 [CNS]*

- **Antananarivo** (*Indian Ocean*)  
Bp Samoela Jaona Ranarivelo  
**Antananarivo – Tulear** (*Indian Ocean*)  
Bp Todd Andrew McGregor
- **Diocese of Botswana:**  
Clergy wives and families
- **Norham Deanery:**  
St Peter's Parish Church, Scremerston

## 30 Tuesday

*Charles, king and martyr, 1649*

- **Antsiranana** (*Indian Ocean*)  
Bp Theophile Botomazava
- **Diocese of Botswana:**  
Links with North Carolina, West Missouri, Niassa, Mozambique and Newcastle
- **Norham Deanery:**  
St John's Parish Church, Spittal

## 31 Wednesday

*John Bosco, priest, founder of the Salesian Teaching Order, 1888*

- **Aoteoroa** (*Aoteoroa NZ and Polynesia*)  
*Vacant see*
- **Diocese of Botswana:**  
Fellowship of Vocation and Selection Committee
- **Norham Deanery:**  
**Benefice of Tweedmouth St Bartholomew**  
Priest-in-Charge: Matthew Knox  
Readers: Harry Plater and Phil Rowett

## About this Prayer Diary

### SUNDAYS

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

- First are intercessions from the Porvoo website – [www.porvoocommunion.org](http://www.porvoocommunion.org). The Porvoo Declaration commits the churches which have signed it to “share a common life” and “to pray for and with one another.” At the time of compilation, no prayer rota has yet appeared for 2018, so I have repeated the 2017 details.
- Second are intercessions from the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, available at [www.anglicancommunion.org](http://www.anglicancommunion.org).
- Thirdly, we pray for our link Diocese of Botswana.
- Fourthly we remember in our own Diocese the Deaneries of Morpeth and Norham, their 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, the Diocese of Botswana.
- Thirdly, parishes, churches, schools and other groups and areas of work from the Deanery of Morpeth and Norham.
- In January, during the Week of Prayer, we pray each day for the unity of the Church.

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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