



1 EASTER DAY

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Armagh (Ireland)
Diocese of Funen (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark)
- **The Anglican Communion** celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Metlhe Beleme, Diocesan Bishop
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Area Dean: Lesley Chapman

2 MONDAY OF EASTER WEEK

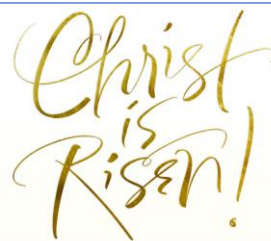
- **Butare (Rwanda)** Bp Nathan Gasatura
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Theo Naledi, retired Bishop
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Lay Chair: Mick Greves

3 TUESDAY OF EASTER WEEK

- **Butere (Kenya)** Bp Timothy Wambunya
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Cathedral of the Holy Cross:
Celestino Chishimba, Dean and Archdeacon (Cathedral) and Fr Octavius Bolelang
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Secretary: Robert Peers
Finance Officer: Mick Greves

4 WEDNESDAY OF EASTER WEEK

- **Buye (Burundi)** Bp Sixbert Macumi
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Barnabas' Church, Old Naledi (served by the Cathedral of the Holy Cross)
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Blanchland with Hunstanworth and Edmundbyers and Muggleswick (in the Moorland Group of Parishes)
Vicar: Helen Savage



5 THURSDAY OF EASTER WEEK

- **Byumba (Rwanda)**
Bp Emmanuel Ngendahayo
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of Francistown: Ven Raymond Salumu (Archdeacon - North), Fr George Callander, Fr Samuel Moraloki and Fr Bakang Banks Lesetedi
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St Mary's Parish Church, Blanchland
- **Praying for Unity:**
For all Local Ecumenical Projects in the Diocese

6 FRIDAY OF EASTER WEEK

- **Calabar (Nigeria)** Bp Tunde Adeleye
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of Francistown: St Patrick's Church and St Carantoc's Church
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St James' Church, Hunstanworth

7 SATURDAY OF EASTER WEEK

- **Calcutta (North India)** Bp Ashoke Biswas
- **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)
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St Edmund's Parish Church, Edmundbyers

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www.newcastle.anglican.org/prayerdiary

8 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Uppsala (Church of Sweden)
Diocese of Llandaff (Wales)
- **The Province of the Indian Ocean**
Abp James Richard Wong Yin Song, Primate
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Christ the King, St John's, Makaleng and
Sowa Town (served by the Parish of
Francistown)
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
All Saints' Church, Mugglesworth

9 ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- **Caledonia (Canada)** Bp David Lehmann
Calgary (Canada) Bp Greg Kerr-Wilson
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Andrew, Selebi Phikwe:
Fr Sefularo Mogopodi and Fr Olebile James
Galebotswe
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St Matthew's Church, Waskerley
*Please pray for the Bishop's Staff Residential
Meeting taking place from today until
Wednesday.*

10 Tuesday

William Law, priest, spiritual writer, 1761
*William of Ockham, friar, philosopher, teacher of
the faith, 1347*

- **California (USA)** Bp Marc Andrus
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Peter's, Mmadinare (outstation of St
Andrew's, Selebe Philke, served by
Fr Olebile James Galbotswe)
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Bywell with Stocksfield
Priest-in-Charge: Pat Moran
Readers: Robert Peers and Philippa Harpin

11 Wednesday

*George Augustus Selwyn, first bishop of New
Zealand, 1878*

- **Cameroon (West Africa)** Bp Dibo Elango
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Augustine's Theological School:
Canon James Amanze
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St Peter's Parish Church, Bywell

12 Thursday

Aldwin, first prior of Durham, 1087 [CNS]

- **Canberra & Goulburn (Australia)**
Bps Stuart Robinson, Stephen Pickard and
Trevor Edwards
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Augustine, Serowe: Ven Moreri
Leteemane (Archdeacon – Central) and
Fr Ford Godiraone Gaogane
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St John's Church, Stocksfield
- **Praying for Unity:**
For the regional Ecumenical Officers

13 Friday

- **Canterbury** Abp Justin Welby and Bps
Trevor Willmott, Jonathan Goodall, Rod
Thomas and Norman Banks
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St James the Great, Mahalapye:
Fr Kealeboga Beleme
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
**Benefice of Corbridge St Andrew with
Halton and Newton Hall**
Vicar: vacant
Reader: Linda Hunter
- Corbridge C of E First School

14 Saturday

- **Cape Coast (Ghana, West Africa)**
Bp Victor Atta-Baffoe
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Joseph, Shoshong, St Ignatius of Loyola,
Machaneng and St Cyprian, Seleka (served
by St James the Great, Mahalapye)
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St Andrew's Parish Church, Corbridge

15 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Derby
Diocese of Clogher (Ireland)
Diocese of Aalborg (Evangelical Lutheran
Church in Denmark)
- **The Church of Ireland**
Abp Richard Clarke, Primate
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parishes of St Mark, Lobatse: Fr Botshabelo
Beleme and Fr Solomon Diphoko
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St Oswald's Church, Halton

16 Monday

Isabella Gilmore, deaconess, 1923

- **Carlisle** Bps James Newcome and Robert Freeman
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Mary Magdalene, Palapye:
Fr George Moshapa
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Healey St John (in the Moorland Group of Parishes)
Vicar: Helen Savage

17 Tuesday

- **Cashel, Ferns and Ossory (Ireland)**
Bp Michael Burrows
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parishes of St Michael and All Angels,
Broadhurst: Fr Jooste Motshwane and
Fr Bonny Bashe
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Heddton-on-the-Wall St Andrew
House-for-Duty Priest: Audrey McCartan
- Heddton-on-the-Wall C of E First School

18 Wednesday

- **Central Buganda (Uganda)**
Bp Michael Lubowa
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Matthew's, Mochudi (served by the
Parish of St Michael and All Angels)
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Mickley St George:
Priest-in-Charge: Pat Moran
Reader: James Standish

19 Thursday

Alphege, archbishop of Canterbury, martyr,
1012

- **Cape Town (Southern Africa)** Abp Thabo Makgoba and Bp Garth Counsell
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Paul, Molepolole:
Fr Mooketsi Mokgatlhe, Fr Aaron Mhiko and
Fr Western Medupe
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Ovingham St Mary
Priest-in-Charge: Tom Birch
Reader: Georgina Harper
- Ovingham C of E First School

• Praying for Unity:

For those inspiring and leading ecumenical initiatives in your own community

20 Friday

- **Central Busoga (Uganda)**
Bp Patrick Wakula
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Thomas', Letlhakeng (served by the
Parish of St Paul, Molepolole)
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Prudhoe St Mary Magdalene
Vicar: Daniel Freyhan
Reader: Lynne Dean

A Mission Weekend is taking place at St Ann's, Newcastle, starting today. Please pray for Bishop Mark and all those taking part.

21 Saturday

Anselm, abbot of Le Bec, archbishop of Canterbury, teacher of the faith, 1109

- **Central Ecuador (ECUSA)**
Bp Victor Scantlebury
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parishes of St Andrew, Mmopane, St James,
Kopong and St Luke, Lentsweletau:
Fr Paul Beleme
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Riding Mill St James
Priest-in-Charge: Lesley Chapman
Readers: Dorothy Dryden and Peter Ryder
- Broomhaugh C of E First School, Riding Mill

22 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Blackburn
Diocese of Brechin (*Scottish Episcopal Church*)
The Lutheran Church in Great Britain
- **The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (Anglican Communion in Japan)**
Most Revd Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu,
Primate
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parishes of Holy Trinity, Mmankgodi, St
Matthew Thamaga and St Mark Moshupa:
Fr Isaac Mupfumi
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Shotley (in the Moorland Group of Parishes)
Vicar: Helen Savage
Reader: Alec Ryrie

23 GEORGE, Martyr, Patron of England, c.304

- **Central Florida (USA)** Bp Gregory Brewer
Central Gulf Coast (ECUSA)
Bp Russell Kendrick
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Peter, Mogoditshane:
Fr Ezekiel Nthokwa
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Slaley St Mary the Virgin (in the Moorland Group of Parishes)
Vicar: Helen Savage

24 Monday

Mellitus, bishop of London, first bishop at St Paul's, 624

Seven Martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 2003

- **Central Newfoundland (Canada)**
Bp John Watton
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parishes of St John the Baptist, Gabane and St Patrick, Kumakwane:
Fr Martin Mosima
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Stamfordham with Matfen
Priest-in-Charge: Rachel Scheffer

25 MARK THE EVANGELIST

- **Central Philippines (Philippines)**
Bp Dixie Copanut Taclobao
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Simon of Cyrene, Tiokweng:
Ven Joe Tsuaneng (Archdeacon – South)
and Fr Peter Moshapa
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Holy Trinity Parish Church, Matfen

26 Thursday

- **Central New York (USA)**
Bp DeDe Duncan-Probe
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St John the Baptist, Tsabong:
vacant
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
All Saints' Church Ryal
- **Praying for Unity:**
For the ecumenical preparations for this year's 'Thy Kingdom Come' project and the Bishops in Mission Pathways weekend

27 Friday

Christina Rossetti, poet, 1894

- **Central Solomons (Melanesia)**
Bp Ben Saka
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Villages with churches in the Tsabong area:
Khuis, Middlepits, Bogogobo and Kolonkweng (served mainly by Lay Ministers)
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin,
Stamfordham

28 Saturday

Peter Chanel, missionary in the South Pacific, martyr, 1841

- **Central Tanganyika (Tanzania)**
Bp Dickson Chilongani
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Villages with churches in the Tsabong area:
Maralaleng, Omaweneno, Malashe and Khisa (served mainly by Lay Ministers)
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Whittington St Philip and St James (in the Moorland Group of Parishes)
Vicar: Helen Savage

Please pray for all attending the meeting of the Diocesan Synod this morning.

29 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Gothenburg (*Church of Sweden*)
Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway (*Scottish Episcopal Church*)
- **The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East** Abp Suheil Dawani
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Villages with churches in the Tsabong area:
Draalheok, Makapong and Werda (served mainly by Lay Ministers)
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Wylam St Oswin
Priest-in-Charge: Tom Birch

30 Monday

Pandita Mary Ramabai, translator of the Scriptures, 1922

- **Central Zambia** (*Central Africa*)
Bp Derek Kamukwamba
- **Central Zimbabwe** (*Central Africa*)
Bp Ishmael Mukuwanda

- **Diocese of Botswana:**
New Church groups: Maun (served by the Parish of Francistown) and Kasane (served by an ordinand-in-training)
- **Corbridge Deanery::**
Shepherds Dene Diocesan Retreat House
Warden: Jane Easterby and all the staff

A few words about our prayers for Botswana

As I have space this month, I thought I should let you know that Susan Mogwera, the Executive Administrator of the Diocese of Botswana, and I have exchanged correspondence about the Prayer Diary.

As well as praying for the growing fellowship of ordained clergy in the Diocese, we can now pray for all the towns, villages and communities where there are churches or emerging groups. Susan tells me that (as we can see) many communities are still without a resident priest. And all “need prayers for growth”.

Lastly, I have agreed to send the Prayer Diary each month to Botswana, so that Susan may distribute it to all the clergy and churchwardens for prayers. This means that we shall be praying with and for each other from day to day – a real step forward.

And to everyone, including any reading this in Botswana – Easter greetings!

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.

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-2018>). 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, for our Link Diocese of Botswana in southern Africa.
- Fourthly we remember our own Diocese of Newcastle, and in particular the Deanery of Corbridge, 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, parishes, churches, schools and other groups and areas of work in the Diocese and in particular the Corbridge Deanery.
- On 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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