



Diocese of Newcastle Prayer Diary February 2018

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 Thursday

Brigid, abbess of Kildare, c.525

- **Argyll & The Isles (Scotland)**
Bp Kevin Pearson
- **Bedlington Deanery:**
Area Dean: Phil Hughes
Lay Chair: Lynne Craggs
- **Praying for Unity:**
Our Ecumenical Officer: Janet Appleby

2 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE or CANDLEMAS

- **Arizona (USA)** Bp Kirk Smith
- **Arkansas (USA)** Bp Larry Benfield
- **Bedlington Deanery:**
Deanery Secretary: Valerie Masterman
Finance Officer: Warren Snowden

3 Saturday

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

- **Armidale (Australia)** Bp Richard Lewers
- **Bedlington Deanery:**
Benefice of Bedlington St Cuthbert
Vicar: Ian Hennebry
NSM Curate: Belizabeth Brown
Readers: Hilary Elder and Doreen Johnson
- Bedlington Whitley Memorial C of E First School

4 SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Bangor (Wales)
Diocese of Dublin and Glendalough (Ireland)
- **Anglican Church of Burundi**
Abp Martin Nyahoho
- **Bedlington Deanery:**
Benefice of Blyth St Cuthbert
Vicar: Anthony Tooby
Reader: Josephine Kulke and Lynne Craggs

Please pray today for those being installed as Honorary and Lay Canons by Bishop Christine this afternoon: Revd Peter Askew, Revd Rachael Wood, Revd John Carr, Ms Isabella McDonald Booth, Ms Carole Snelling and Mrs Barbara Packer.

5 Monday

- **Arochukwu/Ohafia (Nigeria)**
Bp Johnson Onuoha
- **Bedlington Deanery:**
Benefice of Blyth St Mary
Vicar: Andrew Elder
NSM Curate: John Swinhoe

6 Tuesday

The Martyrs of Japan, 1597

Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952

- **Aru (Congo)** Bp Georges Titre Ande
- **Bedlington Deanery**
Benefice of Cambois and Sleekburn
Vicar: Ian Hennebry
NSM Curate: Elizabeth Brown
Reader: Donald Cawthorne and Hilary Elder

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www.newcastle.anglican.org/prayerdiary

7 Wednesday

- **Asaba (Nigeria)** Bp Justus Mogeckwu
- **Bedlington Deanery:**
St Andrew's Parish Church, Cambois
Please pray today for Bishop Mark leading a pre-Lent Quiet Day for SSF members at St Mary's, Belford.

8 Thursday

- **Asante-Mampong (Ghana)**
Bp Cyril Ben-Smith
- **Bedlington Deanery:**
Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, Sleekburn
- **Praying for Unity:**
For those preparing ecumenical courses and events for Lent

Please pray today for all those meeting in London for the General Synod (until 10th).

9 Friday

- **Athabasca (Canada)** Bp Fraser Lawton
- **Bedlington Deanery:**
Benefice of Choppington St Paul the Apostle
Vicar: Terry Moat

10 Saturday

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

- **Atlanta (USA)** Bp Robert C Wright
- **Bedlington Deanery:**
St Paul's Parish Church, Choppington

11 SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Worcester
Diocese of Hamar (*Church of Norway*)
- **Anglican Church of Canada**
Most Revd Frederick Hiltz, Primate
- **Bedlington Deanery:**
Holy Family Church, Stakeford

12 Monday

*Ethelwold of Lindisfarne, 740 [CNS] **

- **Attooch (South Sudan)** Bp Moses Anur
- **Bedlington Deanery:**
Benefice of Cramlington Team Ministry
Team Rector: Wullie Docherty
Team Vicar: *vacant*
Ordained local Minister: Sheena Ward
Readers: John Brierley and Barry Stewart

- * John Park, Honorary Canon

13 Tuesday

- **Auckland (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia)**
Bps Ross Bay and James White
- **Bedlington Deanery:**
St Nicholas' Parish Church, Cramlington
- Cragside C of E First School, Cramlington

14 ASH WEDNESDAY

- **Aweil (South Sudan)**
Bps Abraham Yel Nhial and Michael Deng
- **Awerial (South Sudan)**
Bp David Akau Kuol
- **Bedlington Deanery:**
Church at Beaconhill Community Centre, Cramlington



15 Thursday

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

- **Awgu / Aninri (Nigeria)** Bp Emmanuel Ugwu
- **Bedlington Deanery:**
St Peter's Church, Northburn School, Cramlington
- **Praying for Unity:**
For those involved in the regular meetings of Northern Church Leaders

16 Friday

- **Awka (Nigeria)** Bp Alexander Ibezim
- **Awori (Nigeria)** Bp J Akin Atere
- **Bedlington Deanery:**
Benefice of Delaval
Vicar: David Bowler
Curate: Karen Charman
Reader: Christina Malvern

Please pray for the residential meeting of Area Deans and Lay Chairs with our Bishops, at Shepherds Dene.

17 Saturday

Janani Luwum, archbishop of Uganda, martyr, 1977

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

- **Badagri (Nigeria)** Bp Joseph Adeyemi
- **Bedlington Deanery:**
Church of Our Lady, Delaval
- * John Sinclair, Residentiary Canon

18 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Colman of Lindisfarne, bishop, 679 [CNS] *

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Limerick and Killaloe (Ireland)
Diocese of Roskilde (*Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark*)
- **Church of Province of Central Africa**
Abp Albert Chama
- **Bedlington Deanery:**
St Michael's Church, New Hartley
- * Allan Marks, Honorary Canon

19 Monday

- **Ballarat (Australia)** Bp Garry Weatherill
- **Bedlington Deanery:**
St Paul's Parish Church, Seaton Sluice

20 Tuesday

- **Bangor (Wales)** Bp Andrew John
- **Bedlington Deanery:**
Benefice of Horton
Priest-in-Charge: *vacant*
NSM Curate: John Swinhoe

21 Wednesday Ember Day

- **Banks and Torres (Melanesia)**
Bp Alfred Patterson Worek
- **Bedlington Deanery:**
St Benedict's Parish Church, Cowpen

22 Thursday

- **Bari (Nigeria)** Bp Idris Zubairu
- **Bedlington Deanery:**
St Mary's Parish Church, Horton
- **Praying for Unity:**
For all preparing this year's "Thy Kingdom Come" programme

Geoff Miller, Acting Dean, gives the first of this year's Lent Talks, on 'Inspiring Words', at St Nicholas' Cathedral at 12.15pm today. Today's inspiring word is 'Curiosity'.

23 Friday Ember Day

Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, martyr, c.155

- **Barisal (Bangladesh)**
Bp Shourabh Pholia
- **Bedlington Deanery:**
Benefice of Killingworth St John
Vicar: David Gray
Curate: Sarah Moon
NSM: Alan Meighan
Reader: Frances Pattison

24 Saturday Ember Day

- **Barrackpore (N India)**
Bp Brojen Malakar
- **Bedlington Deanery**
Benefice of Newsham St Bede
Vicar: Richard Pringle
Reader: Roland Robbins

Please pray today for all those taking part in the first Pathways preparatory meeting at Longframlington today.

25 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Peterborough
Diocese of Meath and Kildare (Ireland)
- **Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America**
Most Revd Sturdie Downs, Primate
- **Bedlington Deanery:**
Benefice of Seghill
Vicar: Phil Hughes
Curate: Darren Bell
Reader: Christine Bryars

Please pray today for Bishop Mark and all gathering this afternoon for the inauguration of the Glendale Mission Initiative.

26 Monday

- **Bath and Wells**
Bps Peter Hancock and Ruth Worsley
- **Bedlington Deanery:**
Holy Trinity Parish Church, Seghill

27 Tuesday

George Herbert, priest, poet, 1633

- **Bathurst (Australia)** Bp Ian Palmer
- **Bedlington Deanery:**
St Mary's Parish Church, Holywell

28 Wednesday

Herefrith, abbot of Lindisfarne, 689 [CNS]

- **Bauchi (Nigeria)** Bp Musa Tula
- **Bedlington Deanery:**
Benefice of Weetslade
Vicar: Angela Maughan
Parish Church of the Good Shepherd, Burradon
St Paul's Parish Church, Dudley

Lent Ember Days

On the three Ember Days in Lent, please pray for

- Claire Robson, Interim Diocesan Director of Ordinands
- All preparing for ordination or licensing this year
- All exploring a vocation to lay or ordained ministry in the Diocese
- All staff and students in 'Lindisfarne'

General Synod Representatives

A reminder that our elected General Synod representatives are:

Proctors in Convocation (clergy) Revd Catherine Pckford, Canon John Sinclair and Canon Dr Dagmar Winter.

Lay representatives: Dr John Appleby, Canon Isabella McDonald Booth and Canon Carol Wolstenholme.

Bishop Christine is *ex officio* a member of the House of Bishops.

About this Prayer Diary

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.
- Thirdly we remember in our own Diocese the Deanery of Bedlington, 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, parishes, churches, schools and other groups and areas of work from the Deanery of Bedlington.
- 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	Bedlington (cont.) and Bedlington	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	Bedlington

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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