

This week ...

'So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them'
(Mark 16.8)

The abrupt, original, ending of Mark's Gospel leaves the resurrection terrifying and amazingly hanging in the air; let's pray that the Church might be disturbed and amazed afresh by this life changing news, while remembering it is not the end of our story ...

1 Monday of Easter Week

Frederick Denison Maurice, priest, teacher of the faith, 1872

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Damaturu (Nigeria)
Bp Yohannah Audu
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Metlha Beleme, Diocesan Bishop
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Area Dean: David Kennedy

2 Tuesday of Easter Week

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Dar-es-Salaam (Tanzania)
Bp Jackson Sosthenes
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Theo Naledi, retired Bishop
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Lay Chair: David McKenzie

3 Wednesday of Easter Week

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Davao (Philippines)
Bp Ernie Moral
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Gaborone:
Revd Dr Celestino Chishimba, Dean and Archdeacon (Cathedral), Revd Dr Mooketsi Mokgatlhe, Fr Jooste Motshwane and Fr Khalala Mokefane
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Secretary: *vacant*
Finance Officer: Robin Brims

4 Thursday of Easter Week

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Saint Davids (Wales)
Bp Dorrien Davies
- **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: *vacant*
- **The Mothers' Union:**
Pray for Jackie Moore and the Faith and Policy department of the Mothers' Union, that our faith may remain central in all we do.

5 Friday of Easter Week

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Delaware (ECUSA)
Bp Kevin Brown
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of Francistown:
Ven Isaac Mupfumi (Archdeacon - North), Fr Samuel Moraloki, Fr Lekono Malabola, Fr Tshiamo Takongwa and Fr Bakang (Banks) Lesetedi
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St Mary's Abbey Church, Blanchland

6 Saturday of Easter Week

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Delhi (North India)
Bp Paul Swarup
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of Francistown: St Patrick's Church and St Carantoc's Church
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St James' Church, Hunstanworth

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www.newcastle.anglican.org/prayerdiary

This week ...

'Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."'

(John 20.21)

With the dawning realisation of resurrection comes the imperative to share this extraordinary news; let's pray that the celebration of Easter might renew and inspire our sense of being sent out to share the good news in Jesus' name.

7 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Uppsala (*Church of Sweden*)
Diocese of Llandaff (*Wales*)
- **Anglican Communion:**
The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria
Primate: Abp Samy Fawzy
- **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 Church, Edmundbyers

8 ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Derby Bp Libby Lane
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Christ the King, Orapa, St John's, Makaleng and Sowa Town (served by the Parish of Francistown)
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
All Saints' Church, Muggleswick

9 Tuesday

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran pastor, martyr, 1945

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Derry and Raphoe (*Ireland*)
Bp Andrew Forster
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Andrew, Selebi Phikwe:
Ven Sefularo Mogopodi (Archdeacon - Central)
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St Matthew's Church, Waskerley

10 Wednesday

William Law, priest, spiritual writer, 1761

William of Ockham, friar philosopher, teacher of the faith, 1347

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Dhaka (*Bangladesh*)
Most Revd Paul Shishir Sarker
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Peter's, Mmadinare and Church of the Good Shepherd, Bobonong (outstations of St Andrew's, Selebi Phikwe)
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Bywell with Mickley
Vicar: *vacant*
Reader: Jane Algar

11 Thursday

George Selwyn, first bishop of New Zealand, 1878

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of San Diego (*ECUSA*)
Bp Susan Brown Snook
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Augustine's Theological School:
Canon Professor James Amanze
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St Peter's Church, Bywell
- **Praying for Unity:**
The Northern Baptist Association, its ministers and ecumenical officer

12 Friday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Missionary Diocese of Divine Hope (*Igreja Anglicana de Mocanbique e Angola*)
Bp *vacant*
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Augustine, Serowe:
Fr Kealeboga Lekoba and
Fr Ford Godiraone Gaogane
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St John's Church, Stocksfield

13 Saturday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Dogura (*Papua New Guinea*)
Bp Tennyson Bogar
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St James the Great, Mahalapye:
Fr Boikhutso Gabaraane

- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St George's Church, Mickley

This week ...

'You are witnesses of these things.'
(Luke 24.48)

We hail from a long line of witnesses; today let's give thanks for all those who have witnessed to us through their faith in the risen Lord Jesus, and let's pray for our own witness to God's love in the world.

14 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Derby
Diocese of Clogher (*Ireland*)
Diocese of Aalborg (*Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark*)
- **Anglican Communion:**
Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
Primates: Most Revd Don Tamihere and Most Revd Sione Uluilakepa
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Joseph, Shoshong;
Fr Olebile James Galebotswe and St Ignatius of Loyola, Machaneng (served by St James the Great, Mahalapye)
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Corbridge with Halton and Newton Hall
Vicar: David Kennedy
Assistant Curates: Linda Hunter, Sam Lohead, Claire Robson and Philip Smith
- Corbridge C of E First School

15 Monday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Doko (Nigeria)
Bp Uriah N Kolo
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Mark, Lobatse:
Fr Octavius Bolelang and Fr Godfrey Tsetsengwe
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St Andrew's Church, Corbridge

16 Tuesday

Isabella Gilmore, deaconess, 1923

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Dominican Republic (ECUSA)
Bp Moisés Quezada Mota
 - **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parishes of St Mary Magdalene, Palapye and St Cyprian, Seleke: Fr Abraham Kajane and Fr George Moshapa
 - **Corbridge Deanery:**
St Oswald's Church, Halton
- Pray for the Readers' Executive Board meeting today.*

17 Wednesday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Dornakal (South India)
Bp Vadapalli Prasada Rao
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Michael and All Angels, Broadhurst: Fr Bonny Bashe and Fr Patrick Rampha
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Heddon-on-the-Wall
Priest-in-Charge: Rachel Scheffer
Associate Priest: Tom Birch
- Heddon-on-the-Wall C of E First School

18 Thursday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Down and Dromore (Ireland)
Bp David McClay
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Matthew's, Mochudi (served by the Parish of St Michael and All Angels)
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Riding Mill
Priest-in-Charge: Diana Johnson
Reader: Gwyn McKenzie (PTO)
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Shepherds Dene Diocesan Retreat House
Warden and Staff
- Broomhaugh C of E First School, Riding Mill
- **Praying for Unity:**
For the Church of England's Council for Christian Unity and its officers

19 Friday

Alphege, archbishop of Canterbury, martyr, 1012

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Dublin and Glendalough (Ireland)
Abp Michael Geoffrey St Aubyn Jackson
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Paul, Molepolole:
Fr Botshabelo Beleme, Fr Joseph Khombane,
and Fr Motshereganyi Sefanyetsto
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Ovingham and Wylam
Vicar: Tom Birch
Assistant Curate: Lynne Dean

20 Saturday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Duk (South Sudan)
Bp Daniel Deng Abot
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Thomas', Letlhakeng
(served by the Parish of St Paul, Molepolole)
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St Mary's Church, Ovingham

This week ...

'I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.' (John 10.14)

There is a precious sense here of being known and loved by the Good Shepherd; let's pray for all those who feel un-loved and un-known, and for all who share in the calling to be shepherds of Christ's flock.

21 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- **Anglican Communion:**
The Anglican Church of Australia
Primate: Abp Geoffrey Smith
- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Blackburn
Diocese of Brechin (Scottish Episcopal Church)
The Lutheran Church in Great Britain
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parishes of St Andrew, Mmopane:
Fr Isaac Mupfumi, Fr Onkemetse Sam
Mathabathe,
and St James, Kopong and
St Luke, Lentsweletau: Fr Paul Beleme

- **Corbridge Deanery:**

St Oswin's Church, Wylam

On this Vocations Sunday, we pray for all who are exploring possibilities for lay and ordained ministry, those helping in the discernment process, and all involved in training and formation.

22 Monday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Dunedin (Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia) Bp Steven Benford
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parishes of Holy Trinity, Mmankgodi:
Fr Munyaradzi Mubata and
St Matthew, Thamaga and St Mark, Moshupa:
Fr Solomon Diphoko
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Prudhoe
Vicar: Daniel Freyhan

23 GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND, c.304

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Dunkwa-on-Offin (West Africa)
Bp Paul Appiah Sekyere
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parishes of St Peter, Mogoditshane and
St Martin, Metsimotlhabe: Fr Ezekiel Nthokwa
and Revd Joseph Supang
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Shotley (in the Moorland Group of Parishes)
Vicar: vacant
Reader: Alec Ryrie

24 Wednesday

Mellitus, bishop of London, 624

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Durgapur (North India)
Bp Sameer Isaac Khimia
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parishes of St John the Baptist, Gabane:
Fr Martin Mosima and Fr Moemedi Rabolo,
and St Patrick, Kumakwane
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Slaley, Healey and Whittonstall (in the Moorland Group of Parishes)
Vicar: vacant
Reader: Dorothy Dryden (PTO)

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- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Durham Bp vacant
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Simon of Cyrene, Tiokweng:
Canon Joe Tsuaneng (Archdeacon – South),
Revd Dr Nelson Mwaniki and Fr Chris Mensah
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Church of St Mary the Virgin, Slaley
- **Praying for Unity:**
For the ecumenical preparations for this
year's 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer project

26 Friday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Dutse (Nigeria)
Bp Markus Yohanna Danbinta
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St John the Baptist, Tsabong:
Fr Peter Moshapa and Revd Lucky Lorekang
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St John's Church, Healey and
St Philip and St James' Church, Whittonstall

27 Saturday

Christina Rossetti, poet, 1894

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of East Kerala (South India)
Bp V S Francis
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Villages with churches in the Tsabong area:
Khuis, Middlepits, Bogogobo and Kolonweng
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Stamfordham with Matfen
Priest-in-Charge: Rachel Scheffer

This week ...

'If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish and it will be done for you.' (John 15.7)

This is quite some promise from Jesus to us as his friends and followers; let's pray that God's Word might truly abide in us, and for all our Licensed Lay and Ordained Ministers charged with the responsibility of teaching Scripture.

28 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Gothenburg (Church of Sweden)
Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway (Scottish Episcopal Church)
- **Anglican Communion:**
The Church of Bangladesh
Moderator: Bp Samuel Sunil Mankhin
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Villages with churches in the Tsabong area:
Maralaleng, Omaweneno, Malashe and Khisa
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Holy Trinity Church, Matfen

29 Monday

Catherine of Siena, teacher of the faith, 1380

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Easton (ECUSA)
Bp Santosh Marray
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Villages with churches in the Tsabong area:
Draaiheok, Makapong and Werda
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin,
Stamfordham

Pray for the congregations at St Oswald's, Walkergate and St Martin's, Byker, as they welcome Tim Ferguson who is to be licensed as Vicar/Priest-in-Charge by Bishop Helen-Ann today.

30 Tuesday

Pandita Mary Ramabai, translator of the scriptures, 1922

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Eau Claire (ECUSA)
Bp William Jay Lambert
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
New Church groups: Maun and Kasane
(served by the Parish of Francistown)
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
All Saints' Church, Ryal

About this month's 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 **Seeking, Sharing, Sending**. We are grateful to Bishop Mark for these 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-2024>). 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 in southern Africa and its parishes
- Fourthly we remember our own Diocese of Newcastle, and the Corbridge Deanery, their 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 Botswana
- 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, and on subsequent Thursdays 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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