

1 Tuesday

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

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Masasi (Tanzania)
Bp James Almasi
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Metlha Beleme, Diocesan Bishop
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Area Dean: David Kennedy

2 Wednesday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Maseno East (Kenya)
Bp Joshua Owiti
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Theo Naledi, retired Bishop
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Lay Chair: David McKenzie

We pray today for Lee Taylor and the people of Berwick, as they gather for Lee's institution as Vicar of Berwick upon Tweed by Bishop Helen-Ann.

3 Thursday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Maseno North (Kenya)
Bp Charles Kaskan Asilutwa
- **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
- **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.

4 Friday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Maseno South (Kenya)
Bp Charles Ong'injo
- **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*

5 Saturday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Maseno West (Kenya)
Bp John Godia
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of Francistown:
Ven Isaac Mupfumi (Archdeacon - North),
Fr Samuel Moraloki, Fr Lekono Malabola,
Fr Bakang (Banks) Lesetedi and
Fr Reuben Bogatsu
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St Mary's Abbey Church, Blanchland

This week ...

***'The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.'* (John 12:3)**

There is an intensity to our sense of smell which can evoke memory and provoke our passions; as we recall the passionate responses of both Mary and Judas in this gospel account, let's pray for the fragrance of Christ to pervade his Church and provoke our passionate responses to worship and justice.

6 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Passiontide begins

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Uppsala (Church of Sweden)
Diocese of Llandaff (Wales)
- **Anglican Communion:**
Iglesia Anglicana de Chile
Primate: Most Revd Enrique Lago Zugadi
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of Francistown: St Patrick's Church
and St Carantoc's Church
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St James' Church, Hunstanworth

7 Monday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Masindi-Kitara (Uganda)
Bp George Kasangaki
- **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 Tuesday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Massachusetts (ECUSA)
Bp Julia Whitworth
- **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 Wednesday

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran pastor, martyr,
1945*

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Western Massachusetts (ECUSA)
Bp Douglas Fisher
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Andrew, Selebi Phikwe:
Ven Kagelelo Mphetolang (Archdeacon -
Central) and Fr Thabang Sikwane
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St Matthew's Church, Waskerley

10 Thursday

William Law, priest, spiritual writer, 1761

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

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Masvingo (Central Africa)
Bp Osiward Mapika
- **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 and Mickley
Priest in Charge: Simon Grundy
Reader: Jane Algar
- **Praying for Unity:**
The Northern Baptist Association, its
ministers and ecumenical officer

11 Friday

George Selwyn, first bishop of New Zealand, 1878

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Matabeleland (Central Africa)
Bp Cleophas Lunga
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Augustine's Theological School:
Canon Professor James Amanze
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St Peter's Church, Bywell

12 Saturday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Matana (Burundi)
Bp Seth Ndayirukiye
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Augustine, Serowe:
Fr Kealeboga Lekoba and
Fr Ford Godiraone Gaogane
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St John's Church, Stocksfield

This Prayer Diary can be downloaded each
month from the Newcastle diocesan
website:

www.newcastle.anglican.org/prayerdiary

This week ...

‘So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them.’ (Luke 19.32)

What Jesus says will happen then does happen. It's one of the ways the gospel story plays out, but with the underlying question whether we have eyes to see and faith to believe. Palm Sunday is perhaps the biggest mis-direct in the passion of Holy Week – this is the welcome King Jesus surely deserves. But it's not how he said it will ultimately be. Let's keep praying for eyes to see and faith to believe as we keep seeking the King in his passion.

13 PALM SUNDAY

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Derby
Diocese of Clogher (*Ireland*)
Diocese of Aalborg (*Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark*)
- **Anglican Communion:**
The Church of England
Abp Stephen Cottrell
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St James the Great, Mahalapye, including St Ignatius of Loyola, Machaneng:
Fr Boikhutso Gabaraane
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St George's Church, Mickley

14 MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Matlosane (*Southern Africa*)
Bp Stephen Diseko
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Joseph, Shoshong:
Fr Olebile James Galebotswe
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Corbridge with Halton and Newton Hall
Vicar: David Kennedy
Assistant Curates: Linda Hunter, Claire Robson and Philip Smith
- Corbridge C of E First School

15 TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Mauritius (*Indian Ocean*)
Bp Joseph Sténio André
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Mark, Lobatse:
Fr Octavius Bolelang and
Fr Godfrey Tsetsengwe
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St Andrew's Church, Corbridge

16 WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Mbaise (*Nigeria*)
Bp Chamberlain Chiedu Ogunedo
- **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

17 MAUNDY THURSDAY

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Mbale (*Uganda*)
Bp Patrick Gidudu
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Michael and All Angels,
Broadhurst: Fr Moemedi Rabolo
- **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
- **Praying for Unity:**
For the Church of England's Council for
Christian Unity and its officers

18 GOOD FRIDAY

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of North Mbale (*Uganda*)
Bp Samuel Gidudu
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Matthew's, Mochudi: Fr Joseph Supang
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Riding Mill
Priest-in-Charge: Diana Johnson
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Shepherds Dene Diocesan Retreat House
Warden and Staff
- Broomhaugh C of E First School, Riding Mill

19 EASTER EVE

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Mbamili (Nigeria)
Bp Uzochukwu Obiora
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Paul, Molepolole:
Fr Lucky Lorekang, Fr Joseph Khombane and
Fr Motshereganyi Sefanyetsto
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Ovingham and Wylam
Vicar: Tom Birch

This week ...

‘But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.’
(Luke 24.11)

The testimony of the first witnesses, the women at the tomb, was far from an idle tale – it’s a dynamic story which has galvanized the Church and the world and continues to do so 2,000 years later. Let’s pray for all who hear the good news of resurrection this Easter that they will believe, and that the truth will not be so easily dismissed.

20 EASTER DAY

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Blackburn
Diocese of Brechin (*Scottish Episcopal Church*)
The Lutheran Church in Great Britain
- **Anglican Communion:**
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
Primate: Most Revd Andrew Chan
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Thomas’, Letlhakeng
(served by the Parish of St Paul, Molepolole)
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St Mary’s Church, Ovingham

21 MONDAY OF EASTER WEEK

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Mbeere (Kenya)
Bp Moses Masamba Nthukah
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parishes of St Andrew, Mmopane:

Fr Patrick Rampha, Fr Onkemetse Sam Mathabathe and St James, Kopong and St Luke, Lentsweletau: Fr Paul Beleme

- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St Oswin’s Church, Wylam

22 TUESDAY OF EASTER WEEK

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Mbhashe (Southern Africa)
Bp Mluleki Fikizolo
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parishes of Holy Trinity, Mmankgodi:
Fr Munyaradzi Mubata and
St Matthew, Thamaga: Fr Solomon Diphoko
and St Mark, Moshupa: Fr Patrick Rampha
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Prudhoe
Vicar: Daniel Freyhan

23 WEDNESDAY OF EASTER WEEK

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Meath and Kildare (Ireland)
Bp Pat Storey
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parishes of St Peter, Mogoditshane and
St Martin Metsimotlhaba: Canon Joe Tsuaneng (Archdeacon-South)
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Shotley (in the Moorland Group of Parishes)
Vicar: *vacant*
Reader: Alec Rylie

24 THURSDAY OF EASTER WEEK

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Medak (South India)
Bp-elect: A C Solomon Raj
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parishes of St John the Baptist, Gabane:
Fr Martin Mosima
and St Patrick, Kumakwane: Fr Bonny Bashe
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Slaley, Healey and Whittonstall (in the Moorland Group of Parishes)
Vicar: *vacant*
Reader: Dorothy Dryden (PTO)
- **Praying for Unity:**
For the ecumenical preparations for this year’s ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ prayer project

25 FRIDAY OF EASTER WEEK

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Central Melanesia (*Melanesia*)
Most Revd Leonard Dawea
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Simon of Cyrene, Tiokweng:
Fr Botshabelo Beleme,
Revd Dr Nelson Mwaniki and Fr Chris Mensah
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Church of St Mary the Virgin, Slaley

26 SATURDAY OF EASTER WEEK

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Melbourne (*Australia*)
Most Revd Philip Freier
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St John the Baptist, Tsabong:
Fr Andrew Seitshiro
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St John's Church, Healey and St Philip and St James' Church, Whittonstall

This week ...

'Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."' (John 20.26)

Wonderfully resurrection doesn't politely knock and wait to be invited in; even with the doors shut the risen Christ interrupts and invades our space with transforming life and peace. Let's pray that the Church will keep being interrupted by Christ's risen life, and that his death-defying peace will invade our world more and more.

27 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Gothenburg (*Church of Sweden*)
Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway (*Scottish Episcopal Church*)
- **Anglican Communion:**
Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean
Primate: Most Revd Gilbert Rateloson
Rakotondravelo

- **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

28 GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Meridional (*Brazil*)
Bp Humberto Maiztegue Goncalves
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Villages with churches in the Tsabong area:
Maralaleng, Omaweneneno, Malashe and Khisa
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Holy Trinity Church, Matfen

29 MARK THE EVANGELIST

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Meru (*Kenya*)
Bp Charles Mwendwa
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Villages with churches in the Tsabong area:
Draaiheok, Makapong and Werda
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin,
Stamfordham

30 Wednesday

Pandita Mary Ramabai, translator of the scriptures, 1922

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of México (*La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico*) Bp Ricardo Joel Gómez Osnaya
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Church of Epiphany, Maun:
Fr Sefularo Mogopodi
- **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-2025>). 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 remember our link Diocese of Botswana in Southern Africa.
- Fourthly, we pray for our own Diocese of Newcastle, especially 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, the Diocese of Botswana
- our own Diocese, and the people, parishes, churches and schools in Corbridge Deanery.
- On the first Thursday, we pray for the work of the Mothers' Union in the Diocese. On subsequent 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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