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**Prayer Diary**

**August 2025**

**1 Friday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Niger Delta North** *(Nigeria)*

Abp Wisdom Budu Ihunwo

* **Newcastle West Deanery:**

Area Dean: James McGowan

2 Saturday

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Niger Delta West** *(Nigeria)*

Bp Emmanuel O Oko-Jaja

* **Newcastle West Deanery:**

Lay Chair: Meg Fisher

**3 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

*1859*

* **Porvoo Communion:**

Diocese of Bristol

Diocese of Helsinki *(Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland)*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**The Episcopal Church in the Philippines**

Prime Bishop: Most Revd Nestor Dagas Poltic

* **Newcastle West Deanery:**

Deanery Secretary: *vacant*

Finance Officer: *vacant*

**4 Monday**

*Jean-Baptiste Vianney, cure d’Ars, spiritual guide*

* **Diocese of Niger West** *(Nigeria)*

Bp Johnson N Ekwe

* **Newcastle West Deanery:**

**Benwell and Scotswood Benefice**

Team Rector: *vacant*

Team Vicar: Christopher Minchin

Reader: Kathleen Germain

**5 Tuesday**

*Oswald, king of Northumbria, martyr, 642 [CNS \*]*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Nike** *(Nigeria)* Bp Christian Onyia

* **Newcastle West Deanery:**

St James’ Church, Benwell

* \* *vacant canonry*

**6 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Nimule** *(South Sudan)*

Bp Martin Abule

* **Newcastle West Deanery:**

St John’s Church, Benwell

**7 Thursday**

*John Mason Neale, priest, hymn writer, 1866*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Nnewi** *(Nigeria)*

Most Revd Godwin Izundu Nmezinwa Okpala

* **Newcastle West Deanery:**

The Church of the Venerable Bede, Benwell

* **The Mothers’ Union:**

Pray for families who benefit from Mothers’ Union *Away From It All* holidays over the summer.

**8 Friday**

Dominic, priest, founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Northern Izon** *(Nigeria)*

Bp Funkuro Godrules Victor Amgbare

* **Newcastle West Deanery:**

Cornerstone Benwell

**9** **Saturday**

Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers’ Union, 1921

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of the Northern Territory** *(Australia)* Bp Greg Anderson

* **Newcastle West Deanery**

**Benefice of Chapel House**

Priest in Charge: Waldemar Nion

**10 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

* **Porvoo Communion:**

Diocese of Portsmouth

Diocese of Stockholm *(Church of Sweden)*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda**

Primate: Abp Laurent Mbanda

* **Newcastle West Deanery:**

**Benefice of Cowgate**

Vicar: Ruth Harley

Reader (PTO): Susan Smith

**11 Monday**

Clare of Assisi, founder of the Minoresses (Poor Clares), 1253

*John Henry Newman, priest, Tractarian, 1890*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Norwich**

Bp Graham Usher

* **Newcastle West Deanery:**

**Benefice of Denton**

Vicar: Neil Heslop

## 12 Tuesday

*George Stephenson, engineer, 1848 [CNS \*]*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Nolva Scotia and Prince Edward Island** *(Canada)*

Bp Sandra Fyfe

* **Newcastle West Deanery:**

**Benefice of Elswick**

Priest in Charge: George Curry

* Newcastle St Paul’s C of E Primary School
* \* Canon Simon Harper

**13 Wednesday**

Jeremy Taylor, bishop of Down and Connor, teacher of the faith, 1667

*Florence Nightingale, nurse, social reformer, 1910*

*Octavia Hill, social reformer, 1912*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Nsukka** *(Nigeria)*

Bp Aloysius E Agbo

* **Newcastle West Deanery:**

**Benefice of Fenham St James and St Basil**

Vicar: James McGowan

Assistant Curate: Ryan McKeon

Reader: Andy Lie

* Dame Allan’s Schools in Fenham and Spital Tongues Chaplain: James McGowan

**14 Thursday**

*Maximilian Kolbe, friar, martyr, 1941*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Nyahururu** *(Kenya)*

Bp Samson Mburu Gachathi

* **Newcastle West Deanery:**

**Benefice of Newbiggin Hall**

Priest in Charge: Ruth Harley

* **Praying for Unity:**

All ecumenical holiday clubs and events

**15 THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Nyamlel** *(South Sudan)*

Bp Peter Garang Akuei

* **Newcastle West Deanery:**

**Benefice of Newburn**

Vicar: *vacant*

**16 Saturday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Nyang** *(South Sudan)*

Bp Paul Tokmach Luai

* **Newcastle West Deanery:**

Church of St Michael and All Angels, Newburn

**17 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

* **Porvoo Communion:**

Diocese of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh

*(Church of Ireland)*

Diocese of Aarhus *(Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark)*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**The Scottish Episcopal Church**

Primus: Most Revd Mark Strange

* **Newcastle West Deanery:**

Church of St Mary the Virgin, Throckley

**18 Monday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Southern Nyanza** *(Kenya)*

Bp Simon Onyango

* **Newcastle West Deanery:**

**Benefice of Newcastle Holy Cross**

Priest in charge: *vacant*

**19 Tuesday**

*Oswin, king of Deira, 651 [CNS \*]*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Nzara** *(South Sudan)*

Bp Richard Bbikoyesu Aquilla

* **Newcastle West Deanery:**

**Benefice of Newcastle St Philip &**

**St Augustine & St Matthew with St Mary**

Vicar: Richard Deadman

* \* *Canon Sue McCormack, Team Rector of the Willington Team Ministry*

**20 Wednesday**

Bernard, abbot of Clairvaux, teacher of the faith, 1153

*William and Catherine Booth, founders of the Salvation Army, 1912 and 1890*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Del Occidental** *(Mexico)*

Bp *vacant*

* **Newcastle West Deanery:**

All from the churches and wider community who are involved in the Newcastle West End Foodbank

**21 Thursday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Offa** *(Nigeria)*

Bp Solomon Olusola Akanbi

* **Newcastle West Deanery:**

**Benefice of Sugley**

Vicar: Neil Heslop

* **Praying for Unity**

For the leaders and members of the United Reformed Church in our region

**22 Friday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Ogbaru** *(Nigeria)*

Bp Prospect Amah

* **Newcastle West Deanery:**

**Benefice of Ponteland**

Vicar: Paul Allinson

Associate Priest: Rosemary Harrison

* Richard Coates C of E School, Ponteland

**23 Saturday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Ogbia** *(Nigeria)*

Bp Matthew Ogaze

* **Newcastle West Deanery:**

Church of the Holy Saviour, Milbourne

**24 BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE**

* **Porvoo Communion:**

Diocese of Edinburgh *(Scottish Episcopal Church)*

Diocese of Espoo *(Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland)*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Church of the Province of South East Asia**

Primate: Bp Titus Chung Khiam Boon

* **Newcastle West Deanery:**

Church of St Mary the Virgin, Ponteland

**25 Monday**

* *Ebba of Coldingham, abbess, 683 [CNS \*]*
* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Ogbomoso** *(Nigeria)*

Bp Matthew Osunade

* **Newcastle West Deanery:**

St Margaret’s Church, Scotswood *(in the Benwell and Scotswood Benefice)*

* \* Canon Rae Caro

**26 Tuesday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Ogoni** *(Nigeria)*

Bp Solomon S Gberegbara

* **Newcastle West Deanery:**

**Benefice of Sugley**

Priest in Charge: Neil Heslop

**27 Wednesday**

Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Ogori-Magongo** *(Nigeria)*

Bp Festus O O Davies

* **Newcastle West Deanery**

**Benefice: Whorlton**

Priest in Charge: *vacant*

Reader (PTO): Anne Morris

**28 Thursday**

Augustine, bishop of Hippo, teacher of the faith, 430

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Ohaji / Egbema** *(Nigeria)*

Bp Chidi Collins Oparaojiaku

* **Newcastle West Deanery:**

For all involved in the Deanery Planning process

* **Praying for Unity:**

For the leaders and members of the many independent charismatic/evangelical churches in our country

**29 Friday**

The Beheading of John the Baptist

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Ohio** *(ECUSA)*

Bp Anne B Jolly

* **Newcastle Diocese:**
* Our ministry to tourists and pilgrims, and for all who work in tourism and the hospitality industry

**30 Saturday**

John Bunyan, spiritual writer, 1688

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Southern Ohio** *(ECUSA)*

Bp Kristin Uffelman White

* **Diocese of Newcastle:**

The strengthening of our links with Botswana and Møre Dioceses

**31 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

Aidan, bishop of Lindisfarne, missionary, 651 *[CNS \*]*

* **Porvoo Communion:**

Diocese of Turku *(Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland)*

Diocese of York

* **Anglican Communion:**

**The Church of South India (United)**

Moderator: *vacant*

* **Newcastle Diocese:**

All staff and governors preparing for the new academic year, especially in our Church Schools

* \* Catherine Sourbut Groves, Archdeacon of Lindisfarne

**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.

**Each week**, there is normally 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, which will resume in September.

***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](http://www.anglicancommunion.org). Prayers on Sundays are for a Province of the Communion.
* Thirdly, we pray for our own Diocese of Newcastle, especially the Newcastle West Deanery, its 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 own Diocese, and the people, parishes, churches and schools in Newcastle West 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.

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.

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| 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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