



Diocese of Newcastle Prayer Diary December 2022

1 Thursday

Charles de Foucauld, hermit in the Sahara, 1916

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Nyang (South Sudan)
Bp Paul Tokmach Lual
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
Bishop Mark, Bishop of Berwick and Acting Bishop of Newcastle
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
Area Dean: Chris Grocock
Lay Chair: Janice Robinson
- **The Mothers' Union:**
For the work of the MU as it joins the worldwide campaign for 16 days of action against gender-based violence

2 Friday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Southern Nyanza (Kenya)
Bp Simon Onyango
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all those at Church House and Bishop's House who support the Bishops' work
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
Deanery Secretary: Val Pope
Finance Officer: Linda Rudd

3 Saturday

Francis Xavier, missionary, apostle of the Indies, 1552

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Nzara (South Sudan).
Bp Richard Bbikoyesu Aquilla
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all those in the Diocese who are involved in planning for the future of mission and ministry
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
Benefice of Ashington Holy Sepulchre
Priest-in-Charge: Chris Grocock
Reader: Paulette Thompson

This week ...

'Repent, for the Kingdom of God has come near' (Matthew 3:2)

In a world blighted by warfare, poverty, and climate change, pray for the leaders of the nations, that they will lead their people into new ways of peace and justice, and that together they might urgently find better ways to care for God's creation.

4 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Chester
Diocese of Kuopio (*Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland*)
- **Anglican Communion:**
Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East Primate: Abp Michael Lewis
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley and her husband Myles as they prepare for their move to, and new life in, our Diocese
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
Benefice of Bolam with Whalton & Hartburn with Meldon & Netherwitton
Priest-in-Charge: Elaine Jones
Ministry team: Fiona Sample (*until 18/12*) and Pamela Walker

5 Monday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of el-Obeid (Sudan)
Bp Ismail Gabriel Abudigin
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For the work of education throughout our diocese and region in schools, universities, colleges and lay education
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
St Andrew's Parish Church, Bolam

6 Tuesday

Nicholas, bishop of Myra, c.326 [*]

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Offa (Nigeria)
Bp Solomon Olusola Akanbi
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For Newcastle Cathedral, and its mission and ministry in the Diocese and city
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
St Andrew's Parish Church, Hartburn
- * *vacant canonry (Dean of Newcastle)*

7 Wednesday

Ember Day

Ambrose, bishop of Milan, teacher of the faith, 397

Diuma, apostle to Mercia [CNS]

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Ogbaru (Nigeria)
Bp Prosper A Amah
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all those responsible for diocesan finance and parish giving
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Meldon

Embertide in Advent

In addition to our regular prayers for those in training for ordained or lay ministry, and those who support and encourage them, please pray this Advent

- for those feeling a call to ministry, but who have not yet talked to anyone about it;
- for the Bishops' Advisers and all those preparing to attend a Panel in 2023.

8 Thursday

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Ogbia (Nigeria)
Bp James Aye Oruwori
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all who guide candidates through selection and training for lay and ordained ministry
- **Morpeth Deanery:**

St Giles' Parish Church, Netherwitton

- **Praying for Unity**
For all preparations being made for joint services and activities at Christmas and during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (begins on January 18th)
Please pray for the Parishes of St Mary, Fawdon and The Ascension, Kenton this evening. Malcolm Hall is to be licensed as Priest-in-Charge by Bishop Mark at Kenton. Pray for the congregations and communities which Malcolm will serve.

9 Friday

Ember Day

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Ogbomoso (Nigeria)
Bp Titus Babatunde Oleyinka
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For Archdeacons Rachel Wood (Northumberland) and Catherine Sourbut Groves (Lindisfarne)
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene, Whalton

10 Saturday

Ember Day

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Ogoni (Nigeria)
Bp Solomon S Gberegbara
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all those involved in the development of Discipleship and Ministry for Mission
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
Benefice of Bothal and Pegswood with Longhirst
Rector: John Park

This week ...

'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' (Mark 3:11)

In a world of many spiritual paths, we pray that the uniqueness of Christ and his saving love might speak clearly to the hearts of those who are seeking.

11 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Borg (Church of Norway)

Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham

- **Anglican Communion:**
Anglican Church of Kenya
Primate: Abp Jackson Ole Sapit
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all clergy and readers who continue to serve the Church in many ways beyond retirement
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
St Andrew's Parish Church, Bothal

12 Monday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Ogori-Magongo (Nigeria)
Bp Festus O O Davies
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all who seek to inspire and encourage children
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
St Margaret's Chapel, Pegswood (a Local Ecumenical Partnership)

13 Tuesday

Lucy, martyr at Syracuse, 304
Samuel Johnson, moralist, 1784

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Ohaji / Egbema (Nigeria)
Bp Chidi Collins Oparaojiaku
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all who in church and community reach out to support and encourage young people
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, Longhirst

14 Wednesday

John of the Cross, poet, teacher of the faith, 1591

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Ohio (ECUSA)
Bp Mark Hollingsworth
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all who at diocesan and local level share in the care of church buildings
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
Benefice of Cresswell and Lynemouth
Priest-in-Charge: *vacant*
Associate Priest: Debbie Baker

- William Leach Campus of the Northumberland C of E Academy

15 Thursday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Southern Ohio (ECUSA)
Provisional Bp: George Wayne Smith
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For the developing work and witness of our Resource Church at St Thomas' in Newcastle City Centre.
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
Benefice of Kirkwhelpington with Kirkharle and Kirkheaton and Cambo
Priest-in-Charge: Janet Parker
- **Praying for Unity** For all that the churches seek to do together to bring hope to the homeless, needy, suffering and forgotten people of our region

16 Friday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Oji River (Nigeria)
Most Revd Amos Amankechinelo Madu
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all involved in building and promoting links and partnerships ecumenically, internationally and through inter-faith and ethnic relations
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
Holy Trinity Parish Church, Cambo
- Cambo Primary School

17 Saturday

O Sapientia
Eglantine Jebb, social reformer, founder of 'Save the Children', 1928

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Okene (Nigeria)
Bp Emmanuel I Onsachi
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all responsible for the safeguarding and protection of vulnerable people, including children
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
St Wilfred's Church, Kirkharle

This week ...

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.' (Matthew 1:23)

For those who do not know God, and for those who feel very distant from God, we pray that they might experience God with them this Christmas, and that they might hear afresh God's message of love for themselves, and for the people around them.

18 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Oslo (Church of Norway)
Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness (Scottish Episcopal Church)
Diocese of Durham
- **Anglican Communion:**
Anglican Church of Korea
Primate: Most Revd Peter Kyongho Lee
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all the Church's musicians and worship leaders, especially in the Advent and Christmas seasons
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
St Bartholomew's Parish Church, Kirkwhelpington

19 Monday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Oke-Ogun (Nigeria)
Bp Cornelius O Adagbada
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For those living with disabilities who need to rely on others to care for them and support them
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
St Bartholomew's Church, Kirknewton

20 Tuesday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Oke-Osun (Nigeria)
Bp Abraham O Akinlalu
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all engaged in ministries of healing, deliverance and pastoral care

- **Morpeth Deanery:**
Benefice of Longhorsley
Priest-in-Charge: Audrey McCartan
Reader: Diane Armstrong
- Longhorsley St Helen's C of E Primary School

21 Wednesday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Okigwe (Nigeria)
Bp Edward C D Osuegbu
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all involved with the administration of trusts and charities in our diocese and local communities
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
Benefice of Mitford with Hebron
Priest-in-Charge: Elaine Jones
Readers: Sean Fugill, John Laurenson and Liz Hawkins
Readers PTO: Paul Kidd and Janice Robinson

22 Thursday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Okigwe North (Nigeria)
Bp Godson Udochukwu Ukanwa
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all engaged in chaplaincy work in hospitals, schools, prisons, the armed forces, with older people and in Newcastle City Centre
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene, Mitford
- **Praying for Unity**
For all who are losing faith, for whatever reason, with the ecumenical movement

23 Friday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Okigwe South (Nigeria)
Most Revd David O C Onuoha
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all involved in community action with homeless and destitute people this Christmas, including the food banks and shelters
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
St Cuthbert's Parish Church, Hebron
- Tritlington C of E Primary School

24 CHRISTMAS EVE

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Okinawa (*Nippon Sei Ko Kai*)
Bp David Eisho Uehara
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all engaged in evangelistic and faith-sharing projects this Christmas
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
Benefice of Morpeth
Rector: Simon White
Assistant Curate: Paul Rusby
Readers: Harriet Gilfillan and Janet Hedley
Reader PTO: Val Cowan
- Morpeth All Saints C of E Primary School

This week ...

*The Word became flesh and lived among us
(John 1:14)*

As we make our communion throughout the Christmas season, we pray for a deeper recognition of God's work in the lives of the people gathered around our tables, and as we go out into the world may we see Christ in the stranger.

25 CHRISTMAS DAY

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Mikkeli (*Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland*)
Diocese of Chichester
- **Anglican Communion:**
The Anglican Church of Melanesia
Primate: Most Revd Leonard Dawea
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all spending this day alone
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
The Church of St James the Great, Morpeth

26 STEPHEN, DEACON, FIRST MARTYR

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Oklahoma (*ECUSA*)
Bp Poulson C Reed
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For our sisters and brothers in our Link
Dioceses: Møre, Botswana and Winchester

- **Morpeth Deanery:**
St Mary's Parish Church, Morpeth

27 JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

*William, Lord Armstrong, industrialist, scientist and philanthropist, 1900 [CNS *]*

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Okrika (*Nigeria*)
Bp Tubokosemie Abere
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all involved in the work of the Street Pastors, Samaritans and Childline
- **Morpeth Deanery**
St Aidan's Church, Stobhill, Morpeth
* Canon David Bilton

28 THE HOLY INNOCENTS

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Oleh (*Nigeria*)
Bp John Usiwoma Aruakpor
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all involved in the continuing development of the church's ordained and lay ministers
- **Morpeth Deanery**
Benefice of Woodhorn with Newbiggin
Vicar: Anthony O'Grady
Assistant Curate: John Swinhoe
- Grace Darling Campus of Northumberland C of E Academy

This Prayer Diary can be downloaded each month from the Newcastle diocesan website:
www.newcastle.anglican.org/prayerdiary

29 Thursday

Thomas Becket, archbishop of Canterbury, martyr, 1170

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Olo (*South Sudan*)
Bp Tandema Obede
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all who support others through the ministry of spiritual direction
- **Morpeth Deanery**
Benefice of Seaton Hirst
Priest-in-Charge: David Twomey
- The Josephine Butler (Primary and Secondary), Thomas Bewick and James Knott Campuses of the Northumberland C of E Academy
- The Northumberland C of E Academy
Chief Executive: Alan Hardie
Chaplain: Sally Milner
- **Praying for Unity**
For the work of the Salvation Army in our region

30 Friday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Olympia (*ECUSA*)
Bp Greg Rickel

- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For guidance and grace as we face the promises and challenges of a new year of **growing church bringing hope**
- **Morpeth Deanery**
St Andrew's Parish Church, Seaton Hirst

31 Saturday

John Wyclif, reformer, 1384

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Omu-Aran (*Nigeria*)
Bp Philip Adeyemo
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all members of the Diocesan Synod, the Bishop's Council and the Mission and Pastoral Committee
- **Morpeth Deanery**
St John's Parish Church, Seaton Hirst

We will conclude our prayers for the Morpeth Deanery at the beginning of January.

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 a short stimulus to prayer, normally based on the Sunday Gospel, to guide our next steps in **growing church bringing hope**. We are grateful to Bishop Mark and to Canon Pete Askew for these weekly 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-2022>). 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 aspects of the work of our own Diocese of Newcastle.
- Fourthly we remember the Deanery of Morpeth, its churches, people and organisations, including Church Schools, where possible, on the same day as the parish of which they are part.

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 Newcastle.
- Thirdly, people, parishes, churches and schools in Morpeth Deanery.
- On Thursdays, we pray for the work of the Mothers’ Union in the Diocese (first week) and for Christian Unity (subsequent weeks).

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.

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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.**