

This week ...

'... and on this rock I will build my Church ...'
(Matthew 16.18)

As we recall Peter's vocation, let's pray this week for all who are newly ordained and for the parishes receiving their ministry, and for all of us who are seeking God's calling and leading in our lives, as together we seek to build up the Church.

1 Tuesday

Henry, John, and Henry Venn the Younger, priests, Evangelical divines, 1797, 1813 and 1873

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Nasir (South Sudan)
Bp vacant
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
Bishop Helen-Ann and Bishop Mark
- Those living with Down's syndrome
Pray today for James Bartle, being ordained in Newcastle Cathedral by Bishop Stephen, Bishop of Beverley.

2 Wednesday

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of St Albans
Diocese of Linköping (Church of Sweden)
- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Natal (Southern Africa)
Bp Nkosinathi Ndwandwe
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
Continuing Ministerial Formation Officer:
Ce Pacitti
- Those living with epilepsy

3 THOMAS THE APOSTLE

- **Anglican Communion:**
Area Mission in Navajoland (ECUSA)
Bp unknown
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
Lay Ministry Development Officer:
Nicola Denyer

- **The Mothers' Union:**

Pray for Mothers' Union Indoor Members and Meg Johnson who supports them.

- Those living with Parkinson's Disease
Pray today for the people of Amble and Chevington, and for Rachel Dines, to be licensed this evening by Bishop Helen-Ann as Priest in Charge.

4 Friday

- **The Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Ndokwa (Nigeria)
Bp Festus Uzorka Nwafili
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
Director of Initial Ministerial Education
Phase 2: Jennifer Cooper
- Those who are deaf with no hearing

5 Saturday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Nebbi (Uganda)
Bp Pons Ozelle
- **Newcastle East Deanery:**
Area Dean: Phil Medley
- Those living with blindness
Pray for all involved in today's Deanery Development Groups' Celebration in Newcastle Cathedral with Bishop Helen-Ann.

This week ...

'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' (Luke 10.2)

In the face of huge challenge, where there is an abundance of opportunity but little capacity, Jesus simply directs us to pray; this week let's pray for more workers for the mission of the Church in our diocese, our nation and the wider Anglican Communion..

6 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of St Albans
Diocese of Linköping (Church of Sweden)
- **Anglican Communion:**
The Church of Nigeria
Primate: Most Revd Henry C Ndukuba
- **Newcastle East Deanery:**
Deanery Lay Chair: Louisa Fox
- Those living with acquired hearing loss

7 Monday

Boisil of Melrose, prior, 661 [CNS]

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Nebraska (ECUSA)
Bp Joseph Scott Barker
- **Newcastle East Deanery:**
Deanery Synod Secretary: *vacant*
Finance Officer: *vacant*
- Those living with macular degeneration
Pray for all attending the Clergy Conference and Retreat at Hexham Abbey today and tomorrow.

8 Tuesday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Nelson (Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia)
Bp Stephen Maina Mwangi
- **Newcastle East Deanery:**
Benefice: Byker St Anthony
Vicar: Helen Gill
Reader Emeritus: Mavis Gray
- Those living with spina bifida

9 Wednesday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Nevada (ECUSA)
Bp Elizabeth Bonforte Gardner
- **Newcastle East Deanery**
Benefice: Byker St Mark and Walkergate St Oswald
Vicar: Tim Ferguson
- Those living with cerebral palsy

10 Thursday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of New Bussa (Nigeria)
Bp Israel A Amao
- **Newcastle East Deanery:**
Benefice: Byker St Martin

Priest in Charge: Tim Ferguson

- **Praying for Unity:**
For the Church Leaders Group in our region
- Those living with memory problems
Pray for the Bishop's Council meeting this evening.

11 Friday

Benedict of Nursia, abbot of Monte Cassino, father of western monasticism, c.550

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of New Guinea Islands (Papua New Guinea) Bp Reginald Makele
- **Newcastle East Deanery:**
Benefice: Byker St Michael with St Lawrence
Priest in Charge: Helen Gill
- Those living with muscular dystrophy
Please pray for the meeting of the General Synod, taking place in York from today until 15th July. Pray particularly for our own Diocese's representatives and the contribution they make to national church life.
House of Bishops: Bishop Helen-Ann
House of Clergy: Ian Flintoft, Robert Lawrance and Claire Robson
House of Laity: Robin Brims, Nicola Denyer and Izzy McDonald-Booth

12 Saturday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of New Hampshire (ECUSA)
Bp A Robert Hirschfeld
- **Newcastle East Deanery:**
Benefice: Byker St Silas
Vicar: Helen Gill
Reader Emeritus: Matthew King
- All living with any form of dementia

This week ...

'And who is my neighbour?' (Luke 10.29)

A question asked in self-justification prompts one of Jesus most famous parables; let's pray for our neighbour, whoever they may be, and that our neighbourhoods might be places of mercy and refuge.

13 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Newcastle
Diocese of Møre (Church of Norway)
- **Anglican Communion:**
The Church of North India (United)
Moderator: Most Revd Bijay Nayak
- **Newcastle East Deanery:**
Mission Initiative Newcastle East (MINE)
MINE Youth:
Music Development Leader: Alicia Barwick
Music Development Worker: Dan Ball
Other MINE Projects:
Money Advice Newcastle East Coordinator:
Susan Watson
Presence Project Worker: Heather Farrow
MINE Clergy:
Parish Priest, Pioneer Ministry and
Community Development Lead:
Phil Medley
- Those living with speech, language and
communications difficulties

14 Monday

John Keble, priest, Tractarian, poet, 1866

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of New Jersey (ECUSA)
Bp Sally French
- **Newcastle East Deanery:**
Benefice: Longbenton
Vicar: Benjamin Jarvis
Associate Priest: Fraser Charlton
Reader PTO: Jennifer Brown
- Longbenton St Bartholomew's C of E
Primary School
- Those living with the consequences of
amputation

15 Tuesday

Swithun, bishop of Winchester, c.862
Bonaventure, friar, bishop, teacher of the faith,
1274

- **Anglican Communion:**
- **Diocese of New Westminster (Canada)**
Bp John Stephens
- **Newcastle East Deanery:**
Benefice: Longbenton St Mary Magdalene
Vicar: vacant (Ben Jarvis to be licensed as
Priest in Charge on 22nd July)
Associate Priest: Neal Terry

Assistant Curate: Mark Oliver

Reader: Louisa Fox

- All living with some form of autism

16 Wednesday

*Osmund, bishop of Salisbury, 1099 [CNS] **

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Central New York (ECUSA)
Bp DeDe Duncan-Probe
- **Newcastle East Deanery:**
Benefice: Newcastle St Francis
Vicar: Robert Lawrance
Reader PTO: Gloria Bryant
- Those living with asthma or emphysema
- * The Bishop of Berwick, Mark Wroe

17 Thursday

*Charles, 2nd Earl Grey, politician, 1845 [CNS]**

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Newala (Tanzania)
Bp Oscar Mnung'a
- **Newcastle East Deanery:**
Benefice: Newcastle St Gabriel
Vicar: Jonathan Lawson
- **Praying for Unity:**
For the Roman Catholic Diocese of
Hexham and Newcastle
Bishop: Stephen Wright
- All living with motor neuron disease
- * Canon Ce Pacitti, Continuing Ministerial
Formation Officer

18 Friday

*Elizabeth Ferard, first deaconess of the Church
of England, founder of the Community of St
Andrew, 1883*

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Newark (ECUSA)
Bp Carlye J Hughes
- **Newcastle East Deanery:**
Benefice: Walker
Priest in Charge: Phil Medley
- Central Walker C of E Primary School
- Walker Technology College
- All living with mobility difficulties

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

19 Saturday

Gregory, bishop of Nyassa, and his sister Macrina, deaconess, teachers of the faith, c.394 and c.379

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Newcastle (*Australia*)
Bp Peter Stuart
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all who are involved in, and developing, the Deanery Planning Process
- All who live with invisible disabilities

This week ...

‘... a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.’ (Luke 10.38)

At least Martha got the first thing right: she welcomed Jesus. As we pray this week, let's pray that the communities we name before God will be places of welcome and hospitality where people discover their place in the love and presence of Jesus Christ.

20 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Skara (*Church of Sweden*)
Diocese of Leeds
- **Anglican Communion:**
The Church of Pakistan (United)
Moderator: Most Revd Azad Marshall
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
Partners in Community Action (PICA)
(now part of Transforming Communities Together – Tyne to Tweed)
- Those who live with dyslexia

21 Monday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Newcastle
Bp Helen-Ann Hartley
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
All laypeople across the Diocese who help with administration, either as volunteers or employees
- Those living with any form of dyspraxia

22 MARY MAGDALENE

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador (*Canada*)
Bp Sam Rose
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches: Roger Styring (Chair)
Lucy Burfield (Secretary) and
Tim Lewthwaite (Church Buildings Support Officer)
- Those who live with chronic and/or frequent migraines

Pray for the people of St Mary Magdalene, Longbenton, and for Ben Jarvis, to be licensed this evening by Bishop Mark as Priest in Charge.

23 Wednesday

Bridget of Sweden, abbess of Vadstena, 1373
John Cassian monk, 435 [CNS]

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Central Newfoundland (*Canada*) Bp John Watton
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
House and Glebe Committee:
Roger Windass (Chair) Ian Beswick
(Property Manager) and Alison Campbell
(Property Administrator)
- Those living with mental health issues

24 Thursday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Western Newfoundland (*Canada*) Bp John Organ
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
Finance Department: Tom Royle,
Gillian Green and Elaine Breen
- **Praying for Unity:**
For those in our region who belong to the Orthodox family of churches, especially St Cuthbert and St Bede's Church in Durham
- Those who live with ME/Chronic Fatigue syndrome

25 JAMES THE APOSTLE

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Ngbo (*Nigeria*)
Bp Godwin A Awoke
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
Diocesan Secretary: Chris Elder

- Those living with learning difficulties

26 Saturday

Anne and Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Niagara (Canada)
Bp Susan Bell
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
Communications Department: Rod Stuart,
Leigh Johnson, Joseph Tulip and
Bethany Browning
- Those living with severe food allergies

This week ...

*‘... how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’
(Luke 11.13)*

This week as we pray for our churches and communities, let’s pray that our Heavenly Father would pour out the gift of the Holy Spirit upon us to inspire our prayer, our faith and our seeking out where God is at work.

27 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Brooke Foss Westcott, bishop of Durham, teacher of the faith, 1901 [CNS]

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania
Diocese of Derry and Raphoe (Ireland)
- **Anglican Communion:**
The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea
Acting Archbishop: Nathan Ingen
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
Safeguarding Department:
Sharon Devlin (Director), Jill Thirlaway
(Caseworker), John Hulse (Trainer),
Maggi Creese (Chaplain to Survivors) and
Matthew Kelley (Administrator)
- All charities and volunteers supporting disabled people

28 Monday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Niassa (Mozambique and
Angola) Bp Lucas Mchemba
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
Administrative Lead: Ruth O’Hagan

- Pray for those who struggle to access the help they need to live with disability

29 Tuesday

Mary, Martha and Lazarus, companions of Our Lord

- **Anglican Communion**
Diocese of Nicaragua (*Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America*)
Bp Harold Dixon
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
Diocesan Mission and Pastoral
Committee: Louise Taylor-Kenyon (Chair)
and Phil Ambrose (Secretary)
- All who live with Asperger’s syndrome

30 Wednesday

William Wilberforce, social reformer, 1833

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Bristol
Diocese of Helsinki (*Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland*)
- **Anglican Communion**
Diocese on the Niger (Nigeria)
Bp Owen Chiedozi Nwokolo
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
Administrative staff at Church House:
Karen Hunter, Kyrinn Gill and
Candis Carr
- Pray for the emergence of a renewed Disability Task Group in the diocese

31 Thursday

Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, 1556

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Niger Delta (Nigeria)
Bp Ralph C Ebirien
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
The North East Religious Resources
Centre at Church House
- **Praying for Unity**
Pray for all ecumenical summer events
being planned in our communities
- Pray that each church and deanery may
grow in the awareness of disability, and in
making worship and church life accessible
to all.

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 **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 pray for our own Diocese of Newcastle, especially the Newcastle East Deanery, its churches, people and organisations, including Church Schools.
- Lastly we pray for people living with a range of disabilities, using a list compiled several years ago. Suggestions for making this list more extensive will be welcome.

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 East Deanery
- Thirdly, people living with a range of disabilities
- 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.

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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