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***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.

*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

**Prayer Diary**

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* **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** *(Aoteoroa, 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

**20 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

***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.

* **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

**27 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

***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.

*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 Mchema

* **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 Chiedozie 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](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 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.

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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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