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**Prayer Diary**

**June 2025**

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**The Ordination of Deacons and Priests**

**will take place in the Cathedral on June 28th and 29th. Please pray throughout this month for those to be ordained, for the parishes in which they will begin, or continue, working, and for Bishops Helen-Ann and Mark.**

**You can find out more about the ordinands on the diocesan website.**

**1 SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY**

* **Porvoo Communion:**

Diocese of Hereford

The Lusitanian Church *(Portugal)*

The Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad

* **Anglican Communion:**

**The Anglican Church of Korea**

Primate: Most Revd Onesimus Dongsin Park

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Bishop Ingeborg Midttømme

* **Newcastle Central Deanery:**

Area Dean: Paul Baker

**2 Monday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro** *(Tanzania)*

Bp Stanley Elilekia Hotay

* **Diocese of Møre:** The Diocesan Council

Chair: Arnt-Ove Tenfjord

* **Newcastle Central Deanery:**

Lay Chair: Leanne Conway-Willcox

**3 Tuesday**

*The Martyrs of Uganda, 1885-7 and 1977*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Mpumalanga** *(South Africa)*

Bp Daniel Kgomosotho

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Diocesan Director: Bjørn Olaf Storhaug

* **Newcastle Central Deanery:**

***This week …***

*‘… that they may all be one.’ (John 17.21)*

This week as we pray for the Church in our diocese, our nation and the wider Anglican Communion, let’s pray that we might reflect the unity Jesus prays for here, and for the continued gift of the Holy Spirit who draws us to God and to one another.

Secretary: Molly Allan

Finance Officer: Gill Mitchell

**4 Wednesday**

*Petroc, abbot of Padstow, 6th cent.*

*Eadfrith of Lindisfarne, scribe and bishop, 721 [CNS]\**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Mpwapwa** *(Tanzania)*

Bp Luzineth Kingamkono

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Diocesan Office Manager: Elin Næsje Sætre

* **Newcastle Central Deanery:**

**Christ the King Team Ministry**

Team Rector: Gerard Rundell

Team Vicar: Mark Edwards

Assistant Curate: Hannah Malcolm

Readers PTO: Ken Newitt and

Chris Sayers (Emeritus)

* \* Canon Louise Taylor-Kenyon, Area Dean of Bamburgh and Glendale Deanery

**5 Thursday**

Boniface (Wynfrith) of Crediton, bishop, apostle of Germany, martyr, 754

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Mthatha** *(Southern Africa)*

Bp Thembinkosi Ngombane

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Department of Ministry:

Head: Maria Vassali-Gjære

* **Newcastle Central Deanery:**

St Cuthbert’s Church, Brunswick

* **The Mothers’ Union:**

Pray for all Mother’s Union Deanery Members

**6 Friday**

*Ini Kopuria, founder of the Melanesian Brother**hood, 1945*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Muhabura** *(Uganda)*

Bp Godfrey Mbitse

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Adviser for Culture: John Erik Brakstad

* **Newcastle Central Deanery:**

St Matthew’s Church, Dinnington

**7 Saturday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Mukono** *(Uganda)*

Bp James William Ssebeggala

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Adviser for Diakonia: Eline Elnes Rabbevåg

* **Newcastle Central Deanery:**

St Aidan’s Parish Church, Brunton Park

and The Ark in the Park

*Please pray for all the members of the Diocesan Synod which meets this morning.*

***This week …***

*‘And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever.’ (John 14.16)*

Let us pray this week for the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, to enliven our churches and reinvigorate our mission in and to our communities, workplaces and the wider world.

**8 PENTECOST**

* **Porvoo Communion:**

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland

The Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Anglican Church of Melanesia**

Primate: Most Revd Leonard Dawea

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Adviser for Catechesis: Bente Wangensteen

* **Newcastle Central Deanery:**

St Columba’s Church, Wideopen

**9 Monday**

Columba, abbot of Iona, missionary, 597 *[CNS]\**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Multan** *(Pakistan)*

Bp Leo Rodrick Paul

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Adviser for Church Affairs (Theology, Mission and Links): Marie Marti Høgset

* **Benefice of Fawdon and Kenton**

St Mary’s Church, Fawdon

Vicar: Malcolm Hall

Reader PTO: John Oscroft

* \* Canon Jonathan Lawson, Vicar of St Gabriel’s, Heaton

*Please pray for those gathering at St John’s, Kingston Park this evening, for the Licensing of Shena Moray as Priest in Charge by Bishop Helen-Ann.*

**10 Tuesday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Mumbai** *(North India)*

Bp Prakash D Patole

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Adviser for Church Buildings:

Svein Magne Harnes

* **Newcastle Central Deanery:**

**Benefice of Gosforth All Saints**

Vicar: Andrew Shipton

Associate Priest: Helen Lunn

Assistant Curate: Miriam Jones

Reader Emeritus: Victor Spong

* Archbishop Runcie C of E First School

**11 BARNABAS THE APOSTLE**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Mumias** *(Kenya)*

Bp Joseph Wandera

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Department of Personnel:

Head: Anne-Marit Hagelund

* **Newcastle Central Deanery:**

**Benefice of Gosforth St Hugh**

Priest-in-Charge: Andrew Shipton

Associate Priest: Helen Lunn

Assistant Curate: Miriam Jones

**12 Thursday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Mundri** *(South Sudan)*

Bp Bismark Monday Avokaya Azumu

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Advisors for Personnel: Lars Skagestad,

Siv Brudevoll and Sturla Fostervoll

* **Newcastle Central Deanery:**

**Benefice of Gosforth St Nicholas**

Vicar: Paul Baker

Assistant Curate: Ruth Stradling

Readers: Ce Pacitti, Nick Beale and

Olwyn Black (PTO)

* **Praying for Unity:**

For all local Councils of Churches and Christians Together groups across our region

**13 Friday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Mundu** *(South Sudan)*

Bp Samuel Lomunde

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Inner Sunnmøre Deanery:

Parishes of Øye and Ranes, and Asskard

* **Newcastle Central Deanery:**

**Benefice: Jesmond Clayton Memorial**

Vicar: David Holloway

Assistant Curate: Jonathan Pryke

**14 Saturday**

*Richard Baxter, Puritan divine, 1691*

*Ralph Hedley, woodcarver and artist, 1913 [CNS]\**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Murang’a South** *(Kenya)*

Bp Julius Karanu Wa Gicheru

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Cathedral Deanery of Molde:

Dean: Grethe Lystad Johnsen

* **Newcastle Central Deanery:**

**Benefice: Jesmond Holy Trinity**

Vicar: Tim Sanderson

Assistant Curate: Ali McCarthy

Reader: Ian Farrimond and Alison Edwards

* \* Canon Brian Hedley

**15 TRINITY SUNDAY**

***This week …***

*‘… he will guide you into all the truth’ (John 16.13)*

As we pray this week, let’s pray that the communities we name before God, and those people we pray for regularly, will come to a deeper knowledge of the truth and love of God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

* **Porvoo Communion:**

Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

*(Scottish Episcopal Church)*

Diocese of Connor *(Ireland)*

Diocese of Lolland-Falster (*Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark)*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico**

Primate: Most Revd Enrique Treviño Cruz

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Molde Cathedral Parish

* **Newcastle Central Deanery:**

The Church of the Ascension, Kenton

**16 Monday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**The Diocese of the Murray** *(Australia)*

Bp Keith Dalby

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Parishes of Blsøy and Kleive

* **Newcastle Central Deanery:**

**Benefice: St John, Kingston Park**

Priest-in-Charge: Shena Moray

Readers: Julie Horton and

Nina Lloyd-Hirst (PTO)

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

**www.newcastle.anglican.org/prayerdiary**

**17 Tuesday**

*Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, social reformers, 1913 and 1936*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Muyinga** *(Burundi)*

Bp Jean Berchmans Mweningoma

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Parishes of Røvik and Veøy

* **Newcastle Central Deanery:**

**Newcastle Cathedral Church of St Nicholas**

Dean: Lee Batson

Residentiary Canons: Ruth Hulse, Zoe Heming and Rachel Wood

Readers: Katherine Govier and Helen Wright

**18 Wednesday**

*Bernard Mizeki, apostle of the MaShona, martyr, 1896*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Myitkyina** *(Myanmar)*

Bp John Zau-Li

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Parishes: Sekken and Midsund

* **Newcastle Central Deanery:**

**Benefice of Newcastle Christ Church with**

**St Ann**

Vicar: *vacant*

**19 Thursday**

*Sundar Singh, sadhu (holy man), evangelist, teacher of the faith, 1929*

* **Anglican Church:**

**Diocese of Mzimvubu** *(Southern Africa)*

Bp Phumzile Cetwayo

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Parishes: Nesset and Eresfjord

* **Newcastle Central Deanery:**

Christ Church, Shieldfield

* Christ Church C of E First School

**20 Friday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Nagpur** *(North India)*

Bp *vacant*

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Parishes: Elkesdal and Vistdal

* **Newcastle Central Deanery:**

St Ann’s Parish Church, Battlefield

* **Praying for Unity:**

For all ecumenical pilgrimages organised by churches or other groups within Northumbria

**21 Saturday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Nairobi** *(Kenya)*

Bp Jonathan Kabiru Kariuki

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Parishes: Aukra and Vågøy and Myrbostad

* **Newcastle Central Deanery:**

**Benefice of Newcastle St Andrew**

Vicar: Mike Hills

Reader PTO: Michael Brown

***This week …***

*‘Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.’ (Luke 8.39)*

This week as we pray for other churches and communities, let’s also pray for our own witness in our homes and families, and in our places of work or study, that we might reflect something of what God has done for us.

**22 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

* **Porvoo Communion**

Diocese in Europe *(Church of England)*

Diocese of Visby *(Church of Sweden)*

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

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola**

Primate: Most Revd Vicente Msosa

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Parishes: Bud, Hustad and Eide

* **Newcastle Central Deanery:**

**St Luke’s Church, Claremont Road**

Priest in Charge: Ben Doolan

Assistant Curate: Adam Smith

**23 Monday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Nakuru** *(Kenya)*

Bp Anthony Mambo

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Parishes of Todalen and Øye and Ranes

* **Newcastle Central Deanery:**

**Benefice: Newcastle St George and St Hilda**

St George’s Church, Jesmond

Vicar: Debbie Loughran

Reader: Malcolm Toft

**24 BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Nambale** *(Kenya)*

Bp Isaiah Obuya

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Parishes: Grytten, Hen and Eid and Holm

* **Newcastle Central Deanery:**

St Hilda’s Church, Jesmond

**25 Wednesday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Namibia** *(Southern Africa)*

Bp Patrick Djuulume

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Parishes: Kors, Øverdalen and Voll

* **Newcastle Central Deanery:**

**Benefice of Newcastle St John the Baptist**

Vicar: *vacant*

**26 Thursday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Namirembe** *(Uganda)*

Bp Moses Banja

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Parishes: Vågstranda and Vestnes

* **Newcastle Central Deanery:**

**Church of St Thomas the Martyr**

Master and Resource Church Leader:

Ben Doolan

Assistant Curates: Brogan Hume and

Adam Smith

**27 Friday**

*Cyril, bishop of Alexandria, teacher of the faith, 444*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Nampula** *(Mozambique and Angola)* Bp Manuel Ernesto

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Parishes: Vike, Fiksda and Tresfjord

* **Newcastle Central Deanery:**

University Chaplains: Andii Bowsher (Northumberland) and *vacant post* (Newcastle)

* **Praying for Unity:**

For the worldwide Roman Catholic Church, and for Pope Leo XIV as he begins his Petrine ministry

**28 Saturday**

Irenaeus, bishop of Lyons, teacher of the faith, c.200

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Nandyal** *(South India)*

Bp Eggoni Pushpa Lalitha

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Deanery of Southern Sunnmøre:

Area Dean: Ingeborg Matre

* **Newcastle Central Deanery:**

St Mary Magdalene & Holy Jesus Trust

Chaplain: Malcolm Railton

*Please pray for those to be ordained Priest by Bishop Mark at Newcastle Cathedral today.*

***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.

**29 PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES**

**or PETER THE APOSTLE**

* **Porvoo Communion:**

Diocese of Lincoln

Diocese of Härnösand *(Church of Sweden)*

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

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)**

Primate: Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Parishes: Volda and Austefjord

* **Diocese of Newcastle:**

All Hospital Chaplains and their inter-faith colleagues

*Please pray today for those to be ordained Deacon by Bishop Helen-Ann at Newcastle Cathedral today.*

**30 Monday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Nasik** *(North India)*

Bp *vacant*

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Parishes: Hornindal and Kilsfjord

* **Diocese of Newcastle:**

All serving in chaplaincies to prisons, the Northumbria Police Constabulary and the Courts

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