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**Diocese of Newcastle Prayer Diary March 2023**

**1 Wednesday Ember Day**

***This week …***

***’Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.’***

*(Matthew 4:1)*

It can be surprising where the Spirit leads us! As we begin Lent, let’s pray for the Spirit’s leading and guiding for us all, and especially for Bishop Helen-Ann as our new Bishop of Newcastle, and let’s pray that the Spirit will give us all we need for the challenges ahead.

David, bishop of Menevia, patron of Wales, c.601

* **Anglican Communion:**

Diocese of North Queensland *(Australia)*

Bp Keith Joseph

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Bishop Ingeborg Midttømme

* **Diocese of Newcastle:**

Bishop Helen-Ann, as she begins her work and prepares for her Installation as our Bishop

**Ember Days in Lent**

Please pray especially for:

* Hannah Cleugh who is temporarily Director of Ordinands
* Those who are preparing for Ordination this year, and the parishes/institutions where they will serve
* Those preparing to attend Bishops’ Advisory Panels
* All who study and teach at Cranmer Hall, Durham and Lindisfarne College of Theology
* All who exercise a ministry as spiritual director or soul friend or mentor

**2 Thursday**

Chad, bishop of Lichfield, missionary, 672

* **Anglican Communion:**

Diocese of Raiwind *(Pakistan)*

Most Revd Azad Marshall (Moderator)

* **Diocese of Møre:**

The Diocesan Council

* **Diocese of Newcastle:**

Mark, Bishop of Berwick

* **The Mothers’ Union:**

For the Diocesan Chaplain: Ann Marr (*Apologies for error last month – Ed)*

For MU trustees as they lead the work of members in our Diocese, that they may touch the lives of families in our communities.

**3 Friday Ember Day**

* **Anglican Communion:**

Diocese of Rajasthan *(North India)*

Bp Darbara Singh

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Diocesan Director: Bjørn Olaf Storhaug

* **Bellingham Deanery:**

Area Dean: Sarah Lunn

Lay Chair: Alice Murray

**4 Saturday Ember Day**

* **Anglican Communion:**

Diocese of Rayalaseema *(South India)*

Bp B D Prasada Rao

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Department of Church Issues: Arvid Helle

* **Bellingham Deanery:**

Deanery Secretary: *vacant*

Finance Officer: Roger Langford

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

***This week …***

***‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.’*** *(John 3:16)*

One of the best known bible verses summarises the essence of the good news; let’s pray for opportunities to share this good news with family, friends and colleagues, and for the courage to take those opportunities when they arise.

**5 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

* **Porvoo Communion:**

Diocese of Chelmsford

Diocese of Karlstad *(Church of Sweden)*

* **Anglican Communion:**

Church of the Province of South East Asia

Abp Melter Jiki Tais

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Human Resources Department: Alice Elnes, Lars Skagestad, Tore Johan Øvstebø

* **Bellingham Deanery:**

**Benefice of Chollerton with Birtley and Thockrington**

Priest in Charge: Sarah Lunn

Associate Priest: Claire Maxim

Reader: James Feeley

**6 Monday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

Diocese of Recife *(Brazil)*

Bp João Cancio Peixoto

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Senior consultant: Kjell Arild Istad

* **Bellingham Deanery:**

St Giles’ Church, Birtley

**7 Tuesday**

Perpetua, Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage, 203

*Admiral Lord Collingwood, naval commander, 1810 [CNS] \**

* **Anglican Communion:**

Diocese of Rejaf *(South Sudan)*

Bp Edward Tombe

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Adviser on Culture: John Erik Brakstad

* **Bellingham Deanery:**

St Giles’ Church, Chollerton and

St Christopher’s Church, Gunnerton

* Chollerton C of E First School
* \* *vacant canonry*

**8 Wednesday**

Edward King, bishop of Lincoln, 1910

*Felix, bishop, apostle to the East Angles, 647*

*Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, priest, poet, 1929*

* **Anglican Communion:**

Diocese of Remo *(Nigeria)*

Abp Michael O Fape

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Adviser on Diakonia: Eline Elnes Rabbevåg

* **Bellingham Deanery:**

St Aidan’s Church, Thockrington

## 9 Thursday

* **Anglican Communion:**

Diocese of Renk *(South Sudan)* Bp: *vacant*

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Adviser on Education: Bente Wangensten

* **Bellingham Deanery:**

**Benefice of Humshaugh with Simonburn and Wark**

Priest-in-Charge: Sarah Lunn

Associate Priest: Claire Maxim

Reader: Melanie Wilkinson

* **Praying for Unity:**

For all Roman Catholic congregations and their priests in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

**10 Friday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

Diocese of Rhode Island *(ECUSA)*

Bp Nicholas Knisely

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Adviser on Mission: Geir Sakseid

* **Bellingham Deanery:**

St Peter’s Church, Humshaugh

* Humshaugh C of E First School

**11 Saturday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

Diocese of Rift Valley *(Tanzania)*

Bp John Daudi Lupaa

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Adviser on Church buildings:

Svein Magne Harnes

* **Bellingham Deanery:**

St Mungo’s Church, Simonburn

**12 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

***This week …***

***‘But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.’***

*(John 4:23)*

The worship of God is our eternal vocation; let’s pray for all those who lead and enable the praise of God in our churches, that we might worship ‘in spirit and truth’, and that this might inspire our everyday worship ‘to live and work to your praise and glory’.

* **Porvoo Communion:**

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia

Diocese of Lichfield

Diocese of St David’s *(Wales)*

* **Anglican Communion:**

The United Church of South India

Moderator: Most Revd Dharmaraj Rasalam

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Dean of Southern Sunnmøre Deanery:

Ingeborg Matre

* **Bellingham Deanery:**

St Michael’s Church, Wark

* Wark C of E First School

**13 Monday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

Diocese of Rio de Janeiro *(Brazil)*

Bp Eduardo Coelho Grillo

* **Diocese of Møre, Southern Sunnmøre Deanery:**

Parishes of Volda, Austerfjord and Dalsfjord

* **Bellingham Deanery:**

**Benefice: North Tyne and Redesdale Team**

Team Rector: Claire Maxim

Associate Priest: Sarah Lunn

Reader PTO: Michael Nixon

*Please pray this evening for the people of Felton, Longframlington with Brinkburn, Whittingham and Edlingham with Bolton Chapel, as Richard Townend is licensed as Priest in Charge by Bishop Mark.*

**14 Tuesday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

Diocese of Rio Grande *(ECUSA)*

Bp Michael Hunn

* **Diocese of Møre, Southern Sunnmøre Deanery:**

Parishes of Kilsfjord, Ørsta and Vartdal

* **Bellingham Deanery:**

St Cuthbert’s Church, Bellingham

**15 Wednesday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

Diocese of Riverina *(Australia)*

Bp Donald Kirk

* **Diocese of Møre, Southern Sunnmøre Deanery:**

Parishes of Hjørundfjord, Storfjorden and Vanylven

* **Bellingham Deanery:**

St Cuthbert’s Church, Corsenside and

All Saints’ Church, West Woodburn

**16 Thursday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

Diocese of Rochester

Bp Jonathan Gibbs

* **Diocese of Møre, Southern Sunnmøre Deanery:**

Parishes of Åram, Syvde, Rovde and Sande

* **Bellingham Deanery:**

St Cuthbert’s Church, Elsdon

* **Praying for Unity:**

For the healing of all the divisions within the Anglican Communion.

**17 Friday**

Patrick, bishop, missionary, patron of Ireland, c.460

* **Anglican Communion:**

Diocese of Rochester *(ECUSA)*

Bp Prince Singh

* **Diocese of Møre, Southern Sunnmøre Deanery:**

Parishes of Gursken, Herøy and Indre Herøy

* **Bellingham Deanery:**

St Peter’s Church, Falstone

**18 Saturday**

*Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem, teacher of the faith, 386*

* **Anglican Communion:**

Diocese of Rockhampton *(Australia)*

Bp Peter Grice

* **Diocese of Møre, Southern Sunnmøre Deanery:**

Parishes of Leikanger, Ulstein and Hareid

* **Bellingham Deanery:**

St Aidan’s Church, Thorneyburn

**19 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

***This week …***

***‘One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.’*** *(John 9:25)*

Jesus’ miraculous healing of a blind man leads to a lengthy interrogation; let’s pray for our sisters and brothers around the world persecuted for their faith, that they would draw strength from their faith and that the eyes of those who oppress them might be opened.

**Mothering Sunday**

* **Porvoo Communion:**

Diocese of Lund *(Church of Sweden)*

Diocese of Cashel, Ossory and Ferns (*Ireland)*

Diocese of Ely

* **Anglican Communion:**

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Abp Thabo Makgoba

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Dean of the Eastern Sunnmøre Deanery: Svein Runde

* **Bellingham Deanery:**

St Francis’ Church, Byrness

**20 JOSEPH OF NAZARETH**

Cuthbert, bishop of Lindisfarne, missionary, 687 *[CNS]* \*

*Herbert of Derwentwater, 687 [CNS] \*\**

* **Anglican Communion:**

Diocese of Rokon *(South Sudan)*

Bp Emmanuel Lomoro Eluzai

* **Diocese of Møre, Eastern Sunnmøre Deanery:**

Parishes of Ørskog, Skodje and Stordal

* **Bellingham Deanery:**

Holy Trinity Church, Horsley

* \* Archdeacon Rachel Wood
* \*\* Canon Glyn Evans

**21 Tuesday**

Thomas Cranmer, archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation martyr, 1556

* **Anglican Communion:**

Diocese of Rorya *(Tanzania)*

Bp John Adiema

* **Diocese of Møre, Eastern Sunnmøre Deanery:**

Parishes of Norddal, Stranda and Liabygda

* **Bellingham Deanery:**

Church of St John the Baptist, Otterburn

**22 Wednesday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

Diocese of Ruaha *(Tanzania)*

Bp Joseph Mgomi

* **Diocese of Møre, Eastern Sunnmøre Deanery:**

Parishes of Sunnylven and Geiranger

* **Bellingham Deanery:**

**Benefice of St Oswald in Lee with Bingfield**

Priest-in-Charge: Sarah Lunn

Associate Priest: Claire Maxim

**23 Thursday**

*Felgild and Ethilwald of Farne, hermits, 699 [CNS]*

* **Anglican Communion:**

Diocese of Lake Rukwa *(Tanzania)*

Bp Mathayo Kasangara

* **Diocese of Møre, Eastern Sunnmøre Deanery:**

Parishes of Sykkylven and Ikornnes

* **Bellingham Deanery:**

St Mary’s Church, Bingfield

* **Praying for Unity:**

For all participating in ecumenical Lent Groups and courses

**24 Friday**

*Walter Hilton of Thurgarton, Augustinian canon, mystic, 1396*

*Paul Couturier, priest, ecumenist, 1953*

*Oscar Romero, archbishop of San Salvador, martyr, 1980*

* **Anglican Communion:**

Diocese of Rumbek *(South Sudan)*

Most Revd Alapayo Manyang Kuctiel

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Dean of Northern Sunnmøre Deanery:

Sven Klemmetsby

* **Bellingham Deanery**

St Oswald’s Church, Heavenfield

**25 THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

* **Anglican Communion:**

Diocese of Rumonge *(Burundi)*

Bp Pedaculi Birakengana

* **Diocese of Møre, Northern Sunnmøre Deanery:**

Parishes of Ålesund, Volsdalen and Borgund

* **Bellingham Deanery:**

St George’s Church, Wall

**26 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

***This week …***

***‘Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.’***

*(John 11:5-6)*

Jesus’ seemingly inexplicable inaction at the start of this episode might resonate with many of us who have wrestled with not understanding the timings or purposes of God. As we journey into the mystery of Passiontide, let’s pray for all who struggle with unanswered prayer and wrestle with questions about God in the face of suffering.

**Passiontide begins**

* **Porvoo Communion:**

Diocese of Armagh *(Ireland)*

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

* **Anglican Communion:**

The Anglican Church of South America

Primate: Bp Nicholas Drayson

* **Diocese of Møre, Northern Sunnmøre Deanery:**

Parishes of Ellingsøy, Spjelkavik and Sula

* **Diocese of Newcastle:**

Rachel Wood, Archdeacon of Northumberland

**27 Monday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

Diocese of Rupert’s Land *(Canada)*

Bp Geoffrey Woodcroft

* **Diocese of Møre, Northern Sunnmøre Deanery:**

Parishes of Giske, Valderøy and Vigra

* **Diocese of Newcastle:**

Catherine Sourbut Groves, Archdeacon of Lindisfarne

**28 Tuesday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

Diocese of Rutana *(Brundi)*

Bp Pontien Ribakare

* **Diocese of Møre, Northern Sunnmøre Deanery:**

Parishes of Haram, Fjørtoft and Vatne

* **Diocese of Newcastle:**

Pray for those responsible for appointing a new Director of Mission and Ministry

**29 Wednesday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

Diocese of Ruvuma *(Tanzania)*

Bp Raphael Haule

* **Diocese of Møre, Northern Sunnmøre Deanery:**

Parishes of Hamnsund and Brattvåg

* **Diocese of Newcastle:**

Pray for all the Hon. Assistant Bishops

**30 Thursday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

Diocese of Ruwenzori *(Uganda)*

Bp Reuben Kisembo

* **Diocese of Møre, Inner Romsdal Deanery:**

Parishes of Grytten, Kors and Øverdalen

* **Diocese of Newcastle:**

For all whose work is based at Church House, North Shields

* **Praying for Unity:**

For all those worshipping in shared buildings or sharing in ecumenical partnerships and projects

**31 Friday**

*John Donne, priest, poet, 1631*

* **Anglican Communion:**

Diocese of East Ruwenzori *(Uganda)*

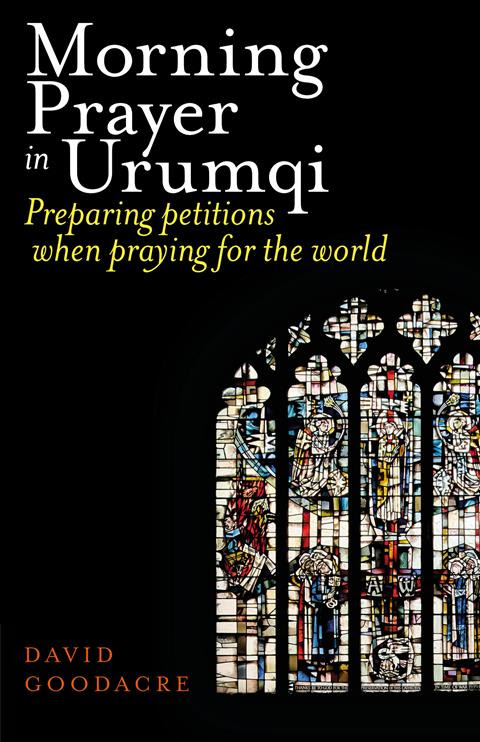
Bp George Turyasingura

* **Diocese of Møre, Inner Romsdal Deanery:**

Parishes of Hen, Eid and Holm and Voll

* **Diocese of Newcastle:**

For all whose work in based at Bishop’s House in Newcastle

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**Morning Prayer in Urumqi**

**Preparing petitions when praying for the world**  
*by David Goodacre*

What is happening to the Church’s intercessions at the Sunday Eucharist? We pray regularly for the Church and certainly for the sick and the dying, but rarely for the local community; sometimes for the cessation of some war currently in the news and perhaps for the government, but nothing specific! Anyone coming into a church and hearing such intercessions might be forgiven for supposing that its primary concern was for itself, not really for anything much beyond.

An important strand of the Church’s vocation is to pray with the Ascended Lord for the world beyond the Church. David Goodacre is out to encourage intercessors to pray more widely and more imaginatively. He speaks first of the problem, then explores the theology of intercession, before spelling out a way of preparing more specific petitions. He asks intercessors to examine what associations they may—from the news, from reading, from personal connection —have with different parts of the world, illustrating this by sharing his own personal associations in a series of 52 vignettes—one for each week of the Church’s year.

*Morning Prayer* is available now. It is published by Sacristy Press at [www.sacristy.co.uk](http://www.sacristy.co.uk).

A personal footnote from the Editor of the Prayer Diary:

I received a copy of this book a few days ago and ended up spending a whole morning exploring it. Here a blend of scholarship, spirituality, personal memoir and poetry such as I have rarely encountered in a single volume before. It has huge potential to inspire and deepen our personal and corporate prayer for the world. *Richard Hill*

**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 for this month’s 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-2023). 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.
* Fourthly we remember our own Diocese of Newcastle, and the Bellingham 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 Bellingham 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.

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.**

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