

## 1 Friday

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

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Christ the King (Southern Africa)  
Bp Mkhuseleli Sobantwana
- **Diocese of Møre:**  
Bishop Ingeborg Midttømme
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**  
Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley, Bishop of Newcastle

## 2 Saturday

Chad, bishop of Lichfield, missionary, 672

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Christchurch (Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia)  
Bp Peter Carrell
- **Diocese of Møre:**  
The Diocesan Council
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**  
Bishop Mark Wroe, Bishop of Berwick

### This week ...

**'Jesus answered them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.'**  
(John 2.19)

At the time, neither his critics nor his followers understood Jesus' response to the request for a sign, yet it holds the promise and hope of resurrection. Let's pray for all struggling with understanding this Lent, that they may come to discover the promise and hope of new life in Jesus Christ.

## 3 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

- **Porvoo Communion:**  
Diocese of Canterbury  
Diocese of Down and Dromore (Church of Ireland)
- **Anglican Communion:**  
The Church of the Province of Uganda  
Primate: Abp Stephen Kaziimba

## • Diocese of Møre:

Diocesan Director: Bjørn Olaf Storhaug

## • Bellingham Deanery:

Area Dean: Sarah Lunn

Lay Chair: Alice Murray

## 4 Monday

Bernard Gilpin, priest, 'Apostle of the North', 1583 [CNS]

Owine, companion and biographer of Chad, c.670 [CNS]

## • Anglican Communion:

Diocese of Chubu (Nippon Sei Ko Kai)

Bp Francis of Assisi Renta Nishihara

## • Diocese of Møre:

Diocesan Office Manager: Elin Næsje Sætre

## • Bellingham Deanery:

Deanery Secretary: vacant

Finance Officer: vacant

Pray today for Dr Ric Whaite as he takes up his work as the Diocesan Director of Mission and Ministry.

## 5 Tuesday

## • Anglican Communion:

Diocese of Clogher (Ireland)

Bp Ian Ellis

## • Diocese of Møre:

Department of Ministry: Head: Arvid Helle

## • Bellingham Deanery:

**Benefice of Chollerton with Birtley and Thockrington**

Priest in Charge: Sarah Lunn

Associate Priest: Claire Maxim

Reader: James Feeley

Pray today for all leading and taking part in the Rural Church Study Day at St Cuthbert's, Hebron.

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

## 6 Wednesday

Baldred, hermit, and Billiffrith, hermit and jeweller of the Lindisfarne Gospels, 8<sup>th</sup> cent. [CNS]

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese on the Coast (Nigeria)  
Bp Joshua Ebunoluwa Ogunele
- **Diocese of Møre:**  
Adviser for Culture: John Erik Brakstad
- **Bellingham Deanery:**  
St Giles' Church, Birtley

## 7 Thursday

Perpetua, Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage, 203

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

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Cochin (South India)  
Bp Baker Ninan Fenn
- **Diocese of Møre:**  
Adviser for Diakonia: Eline Elnes Rabbevang
- **Bellingham Deanery:**  
St Giles' Church, Chollerton and  
St Christopher's Church, Gunnerton
- Chollerton C of E First School
- **The Mothers' Union:**  
For MU trustees as they lead the work of members in our Diocese, that they may touch the lives of families in our communities.
- \* vacant canonry

## 8 Friday

Edward King, bishop of Lincoln, 1910

Felix, bishop, apostle to the East Angles, 647

Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, priest, poet, 1929

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Coimbatore (South India)  
Bp Timothy Ravinder
- **Diocese of Møre:**  
Adviser for Catechesis: Bente Wangensteen
- **Bellingham Deanery:**  
St Aidan's Church, Thockrington

## 9 Saturday

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Colombia (ECUSA)  
Bp Elias Garcia Cardenas
- **Diocese of Møre:**  
Adviser for Mission and Ministry: vacant

- **Bellingham Deanery:**  
**Benefice of Humshaugh with Simonburn and Wark**  
Priest in Charge: Sarah Lunn  
Associate Priest: Claire Maxim  
Reader: Melanie Wilkinson

Pray for all the members of the Diocesan Synod, which meets today.

### 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)

For many this verse is the good news of Jesus Christ in a nutshell; let's pray for those among our friends and family who don't yet know this truth for themselves, that they may see the truth of this good news and put their faith in God's only Son.

## 10 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MOTHERING SUNDAY

- **Porvoo Communion:**  
Diocese of Chelmsford  
Diocese of Karlstad (Church of Sweden)
- **Anglican Communion:**  
The Episcopal Church in the United States of America  
Primate: Most Revd Michael Curry
- **Diocese of Møre:**  
Adviser on Church Buildings:  
Svein Magne Harnes
- **Bellingham Deanery:**  
St Peter's Church, Humshaugh
- Humshaugh C of E First School

## 11 Monday

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Colombo (Sri Lanka)  
Bp Dushantha Rodrigo
- **Diocese of Møre:**  
Adviser for youth, integration and volunteering: Ellen Bjørnsen
- **Bellingham Deanery:**  
St Mungo's Church, Simonburn

## 12 Tuesday

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Colorado (ECUSA)  
Bp Kimberly Lucas
- **Diocese of Møre:**  
Department of Personnel  
Head: Anne-Marit Hagelund
- **Bellingham Deanery:**  
St Michael's Church, Wark
- Wark C of E First School

## 13 Wednesday

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Congo Brazzaville (Congo)  
Bp: vacant
- **Diocese of Møre:**  
Personnel Advisors: Lars Skagestad and  
Siv Brudevoll
- **Bellingham Deanery:**  
**Benefice: North Tyne and Redesdale Team**  
Priest in Charge: Claire Maxim  
Associate Priest: Sarah Lunn  
Reader PTO: Michael Nixon

## 14 Thursday

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Connecticut (ECUSA)  
Bp Ian Douglas
- **Diocese of Møre:**  
Advisor for Communications and  
Digitisation: Kurt W Vadset
- **Bellingham Deanery:**  
St Cuthbert's Church, Bellingham
- **Praying for Unity:**  
For the healing of all the divisions within the  
Anglican Communion.

## 15 Friday

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Connor (Ireland)  
Bp George Davison
- **Diocese of Møre, Northern Sunnmøre  
Deanery:**  
Acting Area Dean: Arnt-Sigurd Sollie
- **Bellingham Deanery:**  
St Cuthbert's Church, Corsenside and  
All Saints' Church, West Woodburn

## 16 Saturday

- **Anglican Communion:**

Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross (Ireland)  
Bp William Paul Colton

- **Diocese of Møre, Northern Sunnmøre  
Deanery:**  
Parish of Ålesund and Volsdalen
- **Bellingham Deanery:**  
St Cuthbert's Church, Elsdon

### ***This week ...***

***'And I, when I am lifted up from the earth,  
will draw all people to myself.'** (John 12.32)*

There is something deeply inclusive in Jesus drawing all people to himself as he speaks of his death on the cross; and this is in the context of a conversation with Greeks. Let's pray for all those who are peacemakers seeking reconciliation and peace between peoples and nations, even in the most terrible and intractable conflicts.

## 17 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Passiontide begins)

- **Porvoo Communion:**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia  
Diocese of Lichfield  
Diocese of St David's (Wales)
- **Anglican Communion:**  
The Church in Wales  
Primate: Abp Andrew John
- **Diocese of Møre, Northern Sunnmøre  
Deanery:**  
Parishes of Borgund, Ellingsøy and Spjelkavik
- **Bellingham Deanery:**  
St Peter's Church, Falstone

*We pray today for Ric Whaite, to be licensed as  
Director of Mission and Ministry and installed as a  
non-residentiary canon at the Cathedral today.*

## 18 Monday

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

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Costa Rica (Iglesia Anglicana de la  
Region Central de America)  
Bp Orlando Gomez
- **Diocese of Møre, Northern Sunnmøre  
Deanery:**  
Parishes of Skodje, Ørskog and Sandøy
- **Bellingham Deanery:**  
St Aidan's Church, Thorneyburn

## 19 JOSEPH OF NAZARETH

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Coventry  
Bp: vacant
- **Diocese of Møre, Northern Sunnmøre Deanery:**  
Parishes of Haram, Fjørtoft and Brattvåg
- **Bellingham Deanery:**  
St Francis' Church, Byrness

## 20 Wednesday

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

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

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Cuba (ECUSA)  
Bp Griselda Delgado Dei Carpio
- **Diocese of Møre, Northern Sunnmøre Deanery:**  
Parishes of Vatne, Hamnsund and Giske
- **Bellingham Deanery:**  
Holy Trinity Church, Horsley
- \* Archdeacon Rachel Wood
- \*\* vacant canonry

## 21 Thursday

Thomas Cranmer, archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation martyr, 1556

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Cueibet (South Sudan)  
Bp Elijah Matueny Awet
- **Diocese of Møre, Northern Sunnmøre Deanery:**  
Parishes of Valderøy, Vigra and Geiranger
- **Bellingham Deanery:**  
Church of St John the Baptist, Otterburn
- **Praying for Unity:**  
For all Roman Catholic congregations and their priests in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

## 22 Friday

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Cuernavaca (Mexico)  
Bp: Most Revd Enrique Treviño Cruz
- **Diocese of Møre, Northern Sunnmøre Deanery:**  
Parishes of Liabygda, Norddal and Stordal
- **Bellingham Deanery:**  
Benefice of St Oswald in Lee with Bingfield

Priest in Charge: Sarah Lunn  
Associate Priest: Claire Maxim

## 23 Saturday

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

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Cuttack (North India)  
Bp Surendra Kumar Nanda
- **Diocese of Møre, Northern Sunnmøre Deanery:**  
Parishes of Stranda, Sunnylven and Sula
- **Bellingham Deanery:**  
St George's Church, Wall

### This week ...

**'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!' (Mark 11.9)**

'Hosanna!' is both a shout of praise and a cry for salvation and deliverance; let's pray for all those crying for help, in myriad different situations in our communities, our nation and across the world, in the faith and hope that we are praying to one who hears and who saves, and who is worthy of our praise.

## 24 PALM SUNDAY

- **Porvoo Communion:**  
Diocese of Lund (Church of Sweden)  
Diocese of Cashel, Ossory and Ferns (Ireland)  
Diocese of Ely
- **Anglican Communion:**  
Church of the Province of West Africa  
Primate: Most Revd Cyril Kobina Ben-Smith
- **Diocese of Møre, Northern Sunnmøre Deanery:**  
Parishes of Ikornnes and Sykkylven
- **Bellingham Deanery:**  
St Oswald's Church Heavenfield

## 25 MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

(The Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday 8 April.)

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Cyangugu (Rwanda)  
Bp Francis Karemara
- **Diocese of Møre, Inner Romsdal Deanery:**  
Acting Area Dean: Knut Bjune

- **Bellingham Deanery:**  
St George's Church, Wall

## 26 TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

- **Anglican Communion:**  
The Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf  
(Jerusalem & Middle East) Bp: vacant
- **Diocese of Møre, Inner Romsdal Deanery:**  
Parishes of Grytten, Hen and Eid & Holm
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**  
Rachel Wood, Archdeacon of  
Northumberland

## 27 WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Daejeon (Korea)  
Bp Titus Ho-Wook Kim
- **Diocese of Møre, Inner Romsdal Deanery:**  
Parishes of Kors, Øverdalen and Voll
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**  
Catherine Sourbut Groves, Archdeacon of  
Lindisfarne

## 28 MAUNDY THURSDAY

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of North Dakota (ECUSA)  
Bp Michael Smith
- **Diocese of Møre, Inner Romsdal Deanery:**  
Parishes of Vågstranda, Vestnes and Vike
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**  
Pray for Stephen Tranter, Diocesan Director  
of Ordinands and Vocations
- **Praying for Unity:**  
For all taking part in united acts of worship  
and witness this Holy Week

*Pray today for all gathering at the Cathedral with  
Bishop Helen-Ann for the Chrism Eucharist,  
including the Blessing of Oils and the renewal of  
commitment to shared ministry in its many  
forms.*

## 29 GOOD FRIDAY

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of South Dakota (ECUSA)  
Bp Jonathan Folts

- **Diocese of Møre, Inner Romsdal Deanery:**  
Parishes of Fiksdal and Tresfjord
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**  
Pray for all the Hon. Assistant Bishops

## 30 EASTER EVE

- **Anglican Communion:**  
Diocese of Dallas (ECUSA)  
Bp George R Sumner Jr
- **Diocese of Møre, Inner Romsdal Deanery:**  
Parishes of Grytten, Kors and Øverdalen
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**  
For all whose work is based at Church  
House, Percy Main

### *This week ...*

***'So they went out and fled from the tomb,  
for terror and amazement had seized them'  
(Mark 16.8)***

The abrupt, original, ending of Mark's Gospel leaves the resurrection terrifying and amazingly hanging in the air; let's pray that the Church might be disturbed and amazed afresh by this life changing news, while remembering is not the end of our story ...

## 31 EASTER DAY

- **Porvoo Communion:**  
Diocese of Armagh (Church of Ireland)  
Diocese of Funen (Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in Denmark)
- **Anglican Communion:**  
Church in the Province of the West Indies  
Primate: Bp Howard Gregory
- **Diocese of Møre, Outer Nordmøre Deanery:**  
Area Dean: Sindre Stabell Kulø
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**  
For all whose work is based at Bishop's  
House in Newcastle



## 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-2024>). 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 and its parishes
- Fourthly we remember our own Diocese of Newcastle, and the Bellingham Deanery, their 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, and on subsequent Thursdays 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.

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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