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**Prayer Diary**

**May 2025**

**1 PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Del Norte de México** *(La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico)*

Bp Oscar Pulido Garcia

* **Hexham Deanery:**

Area Dean: Stephen Wright

* **The Mothers’ Union**

Pray for Lorna Beadle and her team who lead The Mothers’ Union Prayer Chain

**2 Friday**

Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria, teacher of the faith, 373

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Michigan** *(ECUSA)*

Bp Bonnie Perry

* **Hexham Deanery:** Lay Chair: John Mitchell

*A group from the diocese is travelling today until 9th May to our Link Diocese of Botswana to join the ordinations of the first women to be ordained there.*

**3 Saturday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Eastern Michigan** *(ECUSA)*

Bp *vacant*

* **Hexham Deanery:**

Secretary: *vacant*

Finance Officer: *vacant*

***This week …***

***‘…but that hight they caught nothing.’*** *(John 21.3)*

Things don’t change overnight for the disciples after the resurrection, they are not immune to frustration and disappointment and they have to learn to allow the presence of the risen Jesus to transform their faith and life; let’s pray that we might do the same, especially when we feel like we’ve worked hard and caught nothing.

**4 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

* **Porvoo Communion:**

Diocese of Southwark

Diocese of Björgvin *(Church of Norway)*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**The Church of Ireland**

Primates: Abp John McDowell and

Abp Eamon Martin

* **Hexham Deanery:**

**Benefice of Allendale with Whitfield**

Priest in Charge: Martin Naylor

**5 Monday**

*Eadbert of Lindisfarne, 698 [CNS] \**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Northern Michigan** *(ECUSA)*

Bp Rayford Jeffrey Ray

* **Hexham Deanery:**

St Cuthbert’s Church, Allendale

* \* Canon David Glover, Rector of Hexham

**6 Tuesday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Western Michigan** *(ECUSA)*

*Engaged in a process of merger*

* **Hexham Deanery:**

St Mark’s Church, Ninebanks

**7 Wednesday**

*John of Beverley, bishop, 721 [CNS] \**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Missionary District of Micronesia** *(ECUSA)*

Bp *vacant*

* **Hexham Deanery:**

Holy Trinity Church, Whitfield and

St John’s Church, Whitfield

* \* Canon Ian Flintoft, Vicar of Newsham and Horton

**8 Thursday**

Julian of Norwich, spiritual writer, c.1417

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Milwaukee** *(ECUSA)*

Bp Matthew Gunter

* **Hexham Deanery:**

**Benefice of Alston Moor**

Vicar: Mark Nash Williams

Readers: Richard Pattison and

Richard Glover (PTO)

* **Praying for Unity:**

For Street Pastors projects throughout our region

*Please pray for all those involved in the VE Day 80th Anniversary Commemorations taking place across the diocese.*

## **9** **Friday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Minna** *(Nigeria)*

Abp Daniel Abu Yisa

* **Hexham Deanery:**

St Augustine’s Church, Alston

**10 Saturday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Minnesota** *(ECUSA)*

Bp Craig Loya

* **Hexham Deanery:**

St John’s Church, Garrigill

***This week …***

***‘How long will you keep us in suspense?’*** *(John 10.24)*

People wanted Jesus to say plainly who he was and not leave them waiting any longer; let’s pray for all those who we are waiting for to come to faith, longing that they might recognise Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

**11 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Mary Astell, feminist social reformer, 1731*

*[CNS] \**

* **Porvoo Communion:**

Diocese of Gloucester

Diocese of Västerås *(Church of Sweden)*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**The Nippon Sei Ko Kai**

Primate: Most Revd David Eisho Uehara

* **Hexham Deanery:**

Holy Paraclete Church, Kirkhaugh

* \* *Jane Lowdon*

**12 Monday**

**Christian Aid Week begins today**

*Gregory Dix, priest, monk, scholas, 1952*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Mishamikoweesh** *(Canada)*

Bp Lydia Mamakwa

* **Hexham Deanery:**

St Jude’s Church, Knaresdale

**13 Tuesday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**The Missionary District** *(Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil)*

Bp: *no information available*

* **Hexham Deanery:**

St Mary and St Patrick’s Church, Lambley

**14 MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Mississippi** *(ECUSA)*

Bp Dorothy Sanders Wells

* **Hexham Deanery:**

St John’s Church, Nenthead

**15 Thursday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Missouri** *(ECUSA)*

Bp Deon K Johnson

* **Hexham Deanery:**

**Benefice of Haltwhistle and Greenhead**

**and Beltingham with Henshaw**

Priest in Charge: Stephen Wright

Reader: Tim Burdon

* **Praying for Unity:**

For all the congregations in our region which share staff, buildings, worship and community life with others.

**16 Friday**

*Caroline Chisholm, Social Reformer, 1877*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of West Missouri** *(ECUSA)*

Bp Diane Jardine Bruce

* **Hexham Deanery:**

St Cuthbert’s Church, Greenhead

* Greenhead C of E First School

**17 Saturday**

**Christian Aid Week ends today**

* **The Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Mityana** *(Uganda)*

## Abp Stephen Kazimba

* **Hexham Deanery:**

Holy Cross Church, Haltwhistle

**18 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

* **Porvoo Communion:**

Diocese of Guildford

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

* **Anglican Communion:**

**The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East**

Presiding Bishop: Hosam Naoum

* **Hexham Deanery:**

All Hallows Church, Henshaw

* Henshaw C of E First School

**19 Monday**

Dunstan, archbishop of Canterbury, restorer of monastic life, 988

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Mombasa** *(Kenya)*

Bp Alphonce Mwaro Baya

* **Hexham Deanery:**

St Cuthbert’s Church, Beltingham

**20 Tuesday**

Alcuin of York, Deacon, abbot of Tours, 804

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Monmouth** *(Wales)*

Bp: Cherry Vann

* **Benefice of Haydon Bridge and Warden with Newbrough and St John Lee**

Rector: Ollie Dempsey

Associate Priest: Gill Alexander

Reader: Pamela Nobbs (PTO)

**21 Wednesday**

*Helena, protector of the Holy Places, 330*

*Godric of Finchale, hermit and poet, [CNS]*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Montana** *(ECUSA)*

Bp Martha Elizabeth Stebbins

* **Hexham Deanery:**

St Cuthbert’s Church, Haydon Bridge and Haydon Old Church

**22 Thursday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of MontreaL** *(Canada)*

Bp Mary Irwin-Gibson

* **Hexham Deanery:**

Church of St Michael and All Angels, Warden

* **Praying for Unity:**

For the Newcastle District of the Methodist Church (Chair: Stephen Lindridge)

1. **Friday**
* **Anglican Communion**

 **Diocese of Moosonee** *(Canada)*

Most Revd Anne Germond

* **Hexham Deanery:**

Church of St John of Beverley, St John Lee

**24 Saturday**

John and Charles Wesley, evangelists, hymn writers, 1791 and 1788

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness** *(Scotland)* Bp Mark Strange

* **Hexham Deanery:**

St Peter’s Church, Newbrough

* Newbrough C of E First School

***This Week …***

***‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.’*** *(John 14.27)*

The words of Jesus on the eve of his death are the same as on the first evening of resurrection: Peace be with you! Let’s pray that Christ’s peace would continue to endure in our world and so transform lives and situations threatened by death that they might be embraced by the light and life that is not overcome by darkness.

**25 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

The Venerable Bede, monk at Jarrow, scholar, historian, 735 \*

* **Today is Anglican Communion Sunday**
* **Porvoo Communion:**

Diocese of Exeter

Diocese of Nord-Hålogaland *(Church of Norway)*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**The Anglican Church of Kenya**

Primate: Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit

* **Hexham Deanery:**

St Aidan’s Church, Fourstones

* \* Canon Rob Kelsey, Vicar of Norham, Priest in Charge of Cornhill and Branxton

**26 Monday Rogation Day**

Augustine, first archbishop of Canterbury, 605

*John Calvin, reformer, 1564*

*Philip Neri, founder of the Oratorians, spiritual guide, 1595*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Port Moresby** *(Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea)*

Bp Denny Bray Guka

* **Hexham Deanery:**

**Benefice of Hexham**

Rector: David Glover

Assistant Curate: Abigail Harris

Readers: Julie Barham and Frances Stride

**27 Tuesday Rogation Day**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Morobo** *(South Sudan)*

Bp Data Amosa Elinama

* **Hexham Deanery:**

**Benefice of Whitley**

Vicar: Andrew Patterson

* Whitley Chapel C of E First School

**28 Wednesday Rogation Day**

*Lanfranc, prior of Le Bec, archbishop of Canterbury, scholar, 1089*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Morogoro** *(Tanzania)*

Bp Godfrey Sehaba

* **Diocese of Newcastle:**

For all engaged in agriculture and the rural life of our Diocese.

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**29 ASCENSION DAY**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Mount Kenya Central** *(Kenya)*

Bp Timothy Gichere

* **Diocese of Newcastle:**

For the Environment Working Group and for

Tim Mayfield, Acting Bishop’s Advisor for the Environment

* **Praying for Unity:**

For those engaged in national and international theological dialogue about the Eucharist

**30 Friday**

Josephine Butler, social reformer, 1906 [CNS] \*

*Joan of Arc, visionary, 1431*

*Apolo Kivebulaya, priest, evangelist in Central Africa, 1933*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Mount Kenya South** *(Kenya)*

Bp Timothy Ranji

* **Diocese of Newcastle:**

For Stephen Tranter, Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Vocations, and the preparations for next month’s ordinations

* \* Canon Ruth Rogan

**31 VISIT OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Mount Kenya West** *(Kenya)*

Bp Joseph Kagunda

* **Diocese of Newcastle:**

All those preparing for ordination this year

**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 own Diocese of Newcastle, especially the Hexham 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 own Diocese, and the people, parishes, churches and schools in Hexham 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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