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**Diocese of Newcastle Prayer Diary October 2021**

**Please read the message from Bishop Metlha in Botswana, which is on the penultimate page of this Prayer Diary.**

**1 Friday**

*Remigius, bishop of Rheims, apostle of the Franks, 533*

*Anthony Ashley Cooper, Earl of Shaftesbury, social reformer, 1885*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Freetown** *(West Africa)*

Bp Thomas Arnold Wilson

* **Diocese of Botswana:**

Metlha Beleme, Diocesan Bishop

* **Alnwick Deanery:**

Area Dean: Alison Hardy

**2 Saturday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Gahini** *(Rwanda)*

Bp Alexis Bilindabagabo

* **Diocese of Botswana:**

Theo Naledi, retired Bishop

* **Alnwick Deanery:**

Lay Chair: Frances Allsop

***This week …***

*‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.’ (Mark 10:14)*

Let’s pray for our children and young people that they will grow in faith, for our churches to be open and welcoming to their presence and input, and for our schools and teachers as they care, teach and inspire.

**3 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

* **Porvoo Communion:**

Diocese of Liverpool

Diocese of Monmouth *(Church in Wales)*

Diocese of Haderslev *(Evangelical Lutheran Church of Denmark)*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**The Church in Wales**

Archbishop of Wales *(vacant)*

* **Diocese of Botswana:**

Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Gaborone:

Celestino Chishimba, Dean and Archdeacon (Cathedral), Fr Octavius Bolelang and

Revd Boitshoko Gabaraane

* **Alnwick Deanery:**

Deanery Secretary: Jill Wharton

Finance Officer: Joanna Chillingsworth

**4 Monday**

Francis of Assisi, friar, deacon, 1226

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Gambella** *(Alexandria)*

*(vacant see)*

* **Diocese of Botswana:**

St Barnabas Church, Old Naledi (served by the Cathedral of the Holy Cross)

* **Alnwick Deanery:**

**Benefice of Alnwick St Michael and St Paul**

Vicar: Paul Scott

Readers: John Cooke and Annette Playle

**5 Tuesday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Gambia** *(West Africa)*

Bp James Odico

* **Diocese of Botswana:**

Parish of Francistown: Ven Moreri Leteemane (Archdeacon – North), Fr George Callender, Fr Samuel Moraloki, Fr Olebile James Galebotswe, Fr Lekono Malabola, Fr Andries Matlhare and Fr Tshiamo Takongwa

* **Alnwick Deanery:**

St Michael and St Paul Parish Church, Alnwick

* Alnwick St Michael’s C of E First School

**6 Wednesday**

William Tyndale, translator of the scriptures, Reformation martyr, 1536

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Garissa Missionary Area** *(Kenya)*

Bp David Mutisya

* **Diocese of Botswana:**

Parish of Francistown: St Patrick’s Church and St Carantoc’s Church

* **Alnwick Deanery:**

Denwick Chapel

**7 Thursday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Gasabo** *(Rwanda)*

Bp Onesphore Rwaje

* **Diocese of Botswana:**

St Stephen’s, Tonota, St Alban’s, Moroka,

All Saints’, Matsiloje and St Paul’s, Tati Siding (all served by the Parish of Francistown)

* **Alnwick Deanery:**

**Benefice of Amble St Cuthbert**

Priest in Charge: John McDermott

Readers: Sarah Mitchell, Samuel Palin and Mari Mander

* **The Mothers’ Union:**

All MU branches in our Diocese

**8 Friday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Gboko** *(Nigeria)*

Bp Emmanuel Nyitsse

* **Diocese of Botswana:**

Christ the King, Orapa, St John’s, Makaleng and Sowa Town (served by the Parish of Francistown)

* **Alnwick Deanery:**

**Benefice of Chevington St John the Divine**

Priest in Charge: *vacant*

**9 Saturday**

*Denys, bishop of Paris, and his companions, martyrs, c.250*

*Robert Grosseteste, bishop of Lincoln, philosopher, scientist, 1253*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of George** *(Southern Africa)*

Bp Brian Marajh

* **Diocese of Botswana:**

Parish of St Andrew, Selebi Phikwe:

Ven Sefularo Mogopodi (Archdeacon – Central) and Fr Abraham Kajane

* **Alnwick Deanery:**

**Benefice of Embleton and Rennington and Rock**

Priest in Charge: Alison Hardy

Assistant Curates: Ian Chadwick and

Barrie Cooper

Readers: Deborah Elliott and Bill Devonshire

***This week …***

*‘… for God all things are possible’ (Mark 10:27)*

Let’s pray for our sharing of resources with those in need and for our giving in grace and generosity, they we may be surprised by what God makes possible in and through us.

**10 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

Paulinus, bishop of York, missionary, 644

[CNS \*]

* **Porvoo Communion:**

Diocese of Truro

Diocese of Tönsberg *(Church of Norway)*

Diocese of Strängnäs *(Church of Sweden)*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Church of the Province of West Africa**

Most Revd Jonathan Hart, Primate

* **Diocese of Botswana:**

St Peter’s, Mmadinare (outstation of St Andrew’s, Selebi Phikwe)

* **Alnwick Deanery:**

Church of St Peter the Fisherman, Craster

* \* Canon John Sinclair, rector of Upper Coquetdale

**11 Monday**

*Ethelburga, abbess of Barking, 675*

*James the Deacon, companion of Paulinus, 7th century [CNS \*]*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Georgia** *(USA)* Bp Frank Logue

* **Diocese of Botswana:**

St Augustine’s Theological School:

Canon James Amanze

* **Alnwick Deanery:**

St Mary’s Church, Newton

* \* *vacant canonry*

**12 Tuesday**

Wilfrid of Ripon, bishop, missionary, 709 [CNS \*]

*Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer, 1845*

*Edith Cavell, nurse, 1915*

*Edwin, king of Northumbria, martyr, 633 [CNS \*\*]*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Gippsland** *(Australia)*

Bp Richard Treloar

* **Diocese of Botswana:**

Parish of St Augustine, Serowe:

Fr Ford Godiraone Gaogane

* **Alnwick Deanery:**

Holy Trinity Parish Church, Embleton

* Vincent Edwards C of E First School
* \* Canon Alan Paterson, Vicar of Cowgate and Priest in Charge of St Wilfrid, Newbiggin Hall
* \*\* Canon Brian Hurst, Vicar of St George and St Hilda, Jesmond

**13 Wednesday**

Edward the Confessor, king of England, 1066

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Gitega** *(Burundi)*

Bp John Nduwayo

* **Diocese of Botswana:**

Parish of St James the Great, Mahalapye:

Fr Kealeboga Lekoba

* **Alnwick Deanery:**

All Saints’ Parish Church, Rennington

**14 Thursday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway** *(Scotland)*

Bp Kevin Pearson

* **Diocese of Botswana:**

St Joseph, Shoshong and

St Ignatius of Loyola, Machaneng

(served by St James the Great, Mahalapye)

* **Alnwick Deanery:**

Parish Church of St Philip & St James, Rock

* **Praying for Unity:**

Pray for the leaders and members of the Salvation Army

**15 Friday**

Teresa of Avila, teacher of the faith, 1582

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Gloucester**

Bp Rachel Treweek

* **Diocese of Botswana:**

Parish of St Mark, Lobatse:

Fr Botshabelo Beleme, Fr Solomon Diphoko and Revd Godfrey Tsetsengwe

* **Alnwick Deanery:**

**Benefice of Felton**

Priest in Charge: *vacant*

Associate Priest: Michael Hepper

* Felton C of E Primary School

**16 Saturday**

*Nicholas Ridley, bishop of London, and Hugh Latimer, bishop of Worcester, Reformation martyrs, 1555*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Gogrial** *(South Sudan)*

Bp Abraham Ngor Mangong

* **Diocese of Botswana:**

Parish of St Mary Magdalene, Palapye and

St Cyprian, Seleka: Fr George Moshapa

* **Alnwick Deanery:**

**Benefice of Lesbury with Alnmouth**

Priest in Charge-designate: Alison Hardy

Assistant Priest: Ian Chadwick *(from 31.10.21)*

Assistant Curate: Barrie Cooper

Reader: Susanna Swales

***This week …***

*‘For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.’ (Mark 10:45)*

As we follow the Son of Man, our Servant King, let’s pray that we might be inspired in our practical serving of others in our families, workplaces and communities.

**17 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

* **Porvoo Communion:**

Diocese of Växjö *(Church of Sweden)*

Diocese of Oxford

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Church in the Province of the West Indies**

Most Revd Howard Gregory, Primate

* **Diocese of Botswana:**

Parish of St Michael and All Angels, Broadhurst: Fr Jooste Motshwane,

Fr Bonny Bashe and Fr Patrick Rampha

* **Alnwick Deanery:**

Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Alnmouth

* Alnmouth Friary: the friars and all who enjoy their hospitality

**18 LUKE THE EVANGELIST**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Goma** *(Congo)*

Bp Kadhoro Desire Makanirwa

* **Diocese of Botswana:**

St Matthew’s, Mochudi (served by the Parish of St Michael and All Angels)

* **Alnwick Deanery:**

Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels, Howick

**19 Tuesday**

Henry Martyn, translator of the Scriptures, missionary in India and Persia, 1812

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Gombe** *(Nigeria)*

Bp Cletus Ajigben Tambari

* **Diocese of Botswana:**

Parish of St Paul, Molepolole:

Fr Mooketsi Mokgatlhe, Fr Western Medupe and Fr Bakang Banks Lesetedi

* **Alnwick Deanery:**

St Marys Parish Church, Lesbury

**20 Wednesday**

*Grace Darling, altruist, 1842 [CNS \*]*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Grafton** *(Australia)*

Bp Murray Harvey

* **Diocese of Botswana:**

St Thomas’, Letlhakeng

(served by the Parish of St Paul, Molepolole)

* **Alnwick Deanery:**

Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Longhoughton (including Boulmer)

* Longhoughton C of E Primary School
* \* Canon Lesley Towers

**21 Thursday**

*Tuda, bishop of Lindisfarne, 664 [CNS]*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Grahamstown** *(Southern Africa)*

Bp Ebenezer Ntlali

* **Diocese of Botswana:**

Parishes of St Andrew, Mmopane, St James, Kopong and St Luke, Lentsweletau:

Fr Paul Beleme

* **Alnwick Deanery:**

**Benefice of Longframlington with Brinkburn**

Vicar: *vacant*

Associate Priest: Michael Hepper

Reader: Kate Watson

* **Praying for Unity:**

Pray for the ‘new’ churches and fellowships in our region.

*Please pray today for Daniel McCarthy and the parish of the Holy Cross, Fenham, where he will be licensed as Interim Minister by Bishop Mark this evening.*

**22 Friday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Guadalcanal** *(Melanesia)*

Bp Nathan Tome

* **Diocese of Botswana:**

Parishes of Holy Trinity, Mmankgodi,

St Matthew, Thamanga and St Mark, Moshupa: Fr Isaac Mupfumi

* **Alnwick Deanery:**

**Benefice: Upper Coquetdale**

Rector: John Sinclair

Assistant Curate: John Storey

**23 Saturday**

*Aelflaed of Whitby, abbess, 714 [CNS]*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Guatemala** *(Central America)*

Bp Armando Guerra Soria

* **Diocese of Botswana:**

Parish of St Peter, Mogoditshane:

Fr Ezekiel Nthokwa and

Fr Munyaradzi Mubata

* **Alnwick Deanery:**

Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels, Alnham

***This week …***

*‘I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable.’ (2 Timothy 4:1-2)*

Let’s pray for all who teach God’s Word, that hearts and minds will be opened to God’s truth and love in life-changing and world-transforming ways.

**24 LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**(may be observed as BIBLE SUNDAY or as DEDICATION FESTIVAL)**

* **Porvoo Communion:**

Diocese of Carlisle

Diocese of Stavanger *(Church of Norway)*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Churches Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury:**

Church of Ceylon, Bermuda, the Lusitanian Church, the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain and the Falkland Islands

* **Diocese of Botswana:**

Parishes of St John the Baptist, Gabane and St Patrick, Kumakwane: Fr Martin Mosima

* **Alnwick Deanery:**

Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels, Alwinton

**25 Monday**

Crispin and Crispinian, martyrs at Rome, c.287

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Guildford**

Bp Andrew Watson

* **Diocese of Botswana:**

Parish of St Simon of Cyrene, Tiokweng:

Ven Joe Tsuaneng (Archdeacon – South) and Fr Nelson Mwaniki

* **Alnwick Deanery:**

All Saints’ Parish Church, Rothbury

**26 Tuesday**

Alfred the Great, king of the West Saxons, scholar, 899

*Cedd, abbot of Lastingham, bishop of the East Saxons, 664 [CNS]*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Guinea** *(West Africa)*

Bp Jacques Boston

* **Diocese of Botswana:**

Parish of St John the Baptist, Tsabong:

Fr Peter Moshapa

* **Alnwick Deanery**

Christ Church, Hepple

**27 Wednesday**

*Eata, bishop of Lindisfarne, 686 [CNS \*]*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Gujurat** *(North India)*

Bp Silvans Christian

* **Diocese of Botswana:**

Villages with churches in the Tsabong area: Khuis, Middlepits, Bogogobo and Kolonkweng (served mainly by Lay Ministers)

* **Alnwick Deanery:**

Church of St Mary the Virgin, Holystone

* \* This stall is occupied by Cathedral Readers

**28 SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Central Gulf Coast** *(ECUSA)*

Bp Russell Kendrick

* **Diocese of Botswana:**

Villages with churches in the Tsabong area: Maralaleng, Omaweneno, Malashe and Khisa (served mainly by Lay Ministers)

* **Alnwick Deanery:**

St Andrew’s Church, Thropton

* **Praying for Unity:**

Pray for all preparing to take part in ecumenical pilgrimages in 2022, including Oberammergau

**29 Friday**

James Hannington, bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, martyr in Uganda, 1885

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Gusau** *(Nigeria)*

Bp John Garba Danbinta

* **Diocese of Botswana:**

Villages with churches in the Tsabong area:

Draalheok, Makopong and Werda (served mainly by Lay Ministers)

* **Alnwick Deanery:**

**Benefice of Warkworth, Acklington and Shilbottle**

Priest in Charge: Helen O’Sullivan

Associate Priest: Christine Shield

Readers: Roger Styring, Cynthia Bishop and Margaret Weaver

**30 Saturday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Guyana** *(West Indies)*

Bp Charles Davidson

* **Diocese of Botswana:**

New Church groups: Maun and Kasane (served by the Parish of Francistown)

* **Alnwick Deanery:**

St James’ Parish Church, *Shilbottle*

***This week …***

*‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ (Mark 12:34)*

This commendation from Jesus follows the right understanding of loving God, neighbour and self. As COP26 approaches, let’s pray for a deepening of our love for God and for all he has created and that his kingdom might come.

**31 FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

**(may be observed as ALL SAINTS’ DAY)**

* **Porvoo Communion:**

Diocese of Winchester

Diocese of Agder and Telemark *(Church of Norway)*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria** Abp Samy Fawzy

* **Diocese of Botswana:**

The strengthening of links between the Dioceses of Newcastle and Botswana

* **Deanery of Alnwick:**

Parish Church of St John the Divine, Acklington

* Acklington C of E First School

*Please pray for Alison Hardy and Ian Chadwick who will be licensed this afternoon by Bishop Christine to new responsibilities in the parishes of Longhoughton, Howick, Lesbury and Alnmouth.*

**We shall conclude our prayers for Alnwick Deanery at the beginning of November.**



**A note from Bishop Metlha in Botswana**

**for our prayers this month …**

**COVID 19**

**With the shortage of vaccines, the disease has ravaged the whole country.  Parishes are affected one way or the other and we continue to bury our brothers and sisters – the months of July and August 2021 being the worst. We pray and hope that as vaccines arrive in the country, things will get better.**

**The income of the Church has also been hit hard – with some losing their jobs and retrenchments because of closure of industries and churches closures at times.  But with the help of God, we are managing under the circumstances.**

**We continue to meet for worship on Sundays, making sure our assemblies stay at the 50 people maximum level and for not more than two hours (as required by Covid 19 protocols).**

**We believe that we will never be without the awareness, love and care of our Saviour.  All our sufficiency is from God – Have faith and choose hope.**

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.

***SUNDAYS***

For each Sunday, we follow a well-established pattern:

* First are intercessions for the Porvoo Communion (https://www.ireland.anglican.org/resources/493/porvoo-prayer-diary-2020). 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 Botswana.
* Fourthly we remember our own Diocese of Newcastle, and in particular the Deanery of Alnwick, its churches, people and organisations, including Church Schools, where possible, on the same day as the parish of which they are part.

***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 Botswana.
* Thirdly, people, parishes, churches and schools in Alnwick Deanery.
* On Thursdays, we pray for the work of the Mothers’ Union in the Diocese (first week) and for Christian Unity (subsequent weeks).

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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