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**Prayer Diary**

**September 2025**

**1 Monday**

*Giles of Provence, hermit*

* **Porvoo Communion:**

Diocese of Turku *(Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland)*

Diocese of York

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Oji River** *(Nigeria)*

Abp Ikechukwu Egbuono

* **Diocese of Møre:**

 Bishop Ingeborg Midttømme

* **Diocese of Newcastle:**

Diocesan Director of Education:

David Akers

2 Tuesday

*Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901, 1942*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Okene** *(Nigeria)*

 Bp-elect Emmanuel I Onsachi

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

Chair: Arnt-Ove Tenfjord

* **Diocese of Newcastle:**

The Assistant Directors of Education:

Ann Vernon and Liane Atkin

**3 Wednesday**

*Gregory the Great, bishop of Rome, teacher of the faith, 604*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Oke-Ogun** *(Nigeria)*

Bp Cornelius O Adagbada

* **Diocese of Møre:**

 Diocesan Director: Bjørn Olaf Storhaug

* **Diocese of Newcastle:**

All teachers and headteachers taking up new posts in our Church Schools this week

**4 Thursday**

*Birinus, bishop of Dorchester, apostle of Wessex, 650*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Oke-Osun** *(Nigeria)*

Bp Abraham O Akinlalu

* **Diocese of Møre:**

 Diocesan Office Manager: Elin Næsje Sætre

* **Tynemouth Deanery:**

Area Dean: Nigel Taylor

Lay Chair: Emma Doran

* **The Mothers’ Union**

Pray for Mothers’ Union trustees, giving thanks for their leadership and commitment

**5 Friday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Okigwe** *(Nigeria)*

Bp Edward C D Osuegbu

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Department of Ministry:

Head: Maria Vassali-Gjære

* **Tynemouth Deanery:**

 Deanery Secretary: Alison Sharp

 Finance Officer: Iain Shaw

**6 Saturday**

*Allen Gardiner, missionary, founder of the South American Missionary Society, 1851*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Okigwe South** *(Nigeria)*

Abp David O C Onuoha

* **Diocese of Møre:**

 Advisor for Culture: John Erik Brakstad

* **Tynemouth Deanery:**

Pray today for all engaged in the Deanery Planning Process in Tynemouth Deanery

**7 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

* **Porvoo Communion:**

Diocese of St Asaph *(Church in Wales)*

Diocese of Salisbury

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Anglican Church of Southern Africa**

Primate: Abp Thabo Makgoba

* **Diocese of Møre:**

 Adviser for Diaconia: Eline Elnes Rabbevåg

* **Tynemouth Deanery:**

**Benefice of Balkwell and Percy Main**

Vicar: Lee Cleminson

Assistant Curates: Helen Young and

Jon Grogan

**8 Monday**

**The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*Ethelburg of Lyming, queen and abbess, c.647 [CNS \*]*

*Accession of King Charles III, 2022*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Okinawa** *(Nippon Sei Ko Kai)*

Abp David Eisho Uehara

* **Diocese of Møre:**

 Adviser for Catechesis: Bente Wangensteen

* **Tynemouth Deanery:**

**Benefice of Billy Mill**

Priest-in-Charge: Stephanie Keates

Reader: Gill Cunliffe (PTO)

\* Canon Sarah Lunn

**9 Tuesday**

*Charles Fuge Lowder, priest, 1880*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Oklahoma** *(ECUSA)*

Bp Poulson C Reed

* **Diocese of Møre:**

***This week …***

*“This fellow began to build and was unable to finish.” (Luke 14.30)*

Jesus short two verse parable is uncomfortable reading as he speaks about the cost of following him; this week let’s pray for all who count the cost of discipleship daily, especially our sisters and brothers in the persecuted church around the world.

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

* **Tynemouth Deanery**

**Benefice: Cullercoats St George**

Vicar: *vacant*

Reader: Margaret Patterson(PTO)

**10 Wednesday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Okrika** *(Nigeria)*

Bp Tubokoseme Abere

* **Diocese of Møre:**

 Adviser for Church Buildings:

 Svein Magne Harnes

* **Tynemouth Deanery:**

**Benefice: Earsdon and Backworth**

Vicar: Tim Mayfield

**11 Thursday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Oleh** *(Nigeria)*

Bp John Usiwoma Aruakpor

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Department of Personnel:

Head: Anne-Marit Hagelund

* **Tynemouth Deanery:**

St John’s Parish Church, Backworth

* **Praying for Christian Unity:**

For all local ecumenical groups meeting in towns and villages after the summer break.

## 12 Friday

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Olo** *(South Sudan)*

Bp Tandema Obede

* **Diocese of Møre:**

 Advisers for Personnel: Lark Skagestad,

 Siv Bruevoll and Sturia Fostervoll

* **Tynemouth Deanery:**

 St Alban’s Parish Church, Earsdon

**13 Saturday**

John Chrysostom, bishop of Constantinople, teacher of the faith, 407

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Olympia** *(ECUSA)*

Bp Philip N LaBelle

* **Diocese of Møre:**

 Southern Sunnmøre Deanery:

 Parishes of Dalsfjord and Storfjorden

* **Tynemouth Deanery:**

**Benefice: Mardon with Preston Grange**

Priest in Charge: Stephanie Keates

***This week …***

*“This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” (Luke 15.2)*

This strong criticism from the religious officials of his day inspired Jesus to tell three of his best-known parables, of the lost sheep, coin and son, all of which speak of God reaching out and welcoming home; this week let’s pray for those places where the church is engaged in showing God’s radical love and offering God’s generous hospitality.

**14 HOLY CROSS DAY**

* **Porvoo Communion:**

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

Diocese of Bath and Wells

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Anglican Church of South America**

Primate: Abp Brian Williams

* **Diocese of Møre:**

 Deanery of Southern Sunnmøre:

 Parishes of Ørsta, Vartdal and Hjørundfjord

* **Tynemouth Deanery:**

**Benefice: Monkseaton St Mary**

Vicar: Nigel Taylor

Assistant Curate: Claire Lewis

Readers: Nicola Denyer and Margaret Evans

**15 Monday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Amu-Aran** *(Nigeria)*

Bp Philip Adeyemo

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Deanery of Southern Sunnmøre:

 Parishes of Vanylven and Syvde

* **Tynemouth Deanery:**

**Benefice: Monkseaton St Peter**

Vicar: Hannah Cleugh

Assistant Curate: Francesca Walsh

Reader: Janice Porter (PTO)

**16 Tuesday**

Ninian, bishop of Galloway, apostle of the Picts, c.432

*Edward Bouverie Pusey, priest, Tractarian, 1890*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Ondo** *(Nigeria)*

Bp Stephen A Oni

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Deanery of Southern Sunnmøre:

Parishes of Rovde, Åram and Ulstein

* **Tynemouth Deanery:**

**Benefice: North Shields:**

Team Rector: Daniel McCarthy

Team Vicar: *vacant*

Reader: Barbara Bennett (PTO)

**17 Wednesday Ember Day** *(see p.5)*

Hildegard, abbess of Bingen, visionary, 1179

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Ontario** *(Canada)*

Bp William Cliff

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Deanery of Southern Sunnmøre:

 Parishes of Gursken, Sande and Herøy

* **Tynemouth Deanery:**

Parish Church of Christ Church, North Shields

* Tynemouth Christ Church C of E Primary School

**18 Thursday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Oregon** *(ECUSA)*

Bp Diana Akiyama

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Deanery of Southern Sunnmøre:

Parishes of Indre Herøy, Leikanger and Hareid

* **Tynemouth Deanery:**

St Augustin’s Parish Church, North Shields

* **Praying for Christian Unity:**

For all Diocesan Ecumenical Officers. *(Our Diocese does not have one at present.)*

*Pray today for Richard Cornfield and the people of Scremerston, Spittal and Tweedmouth where he will be instituted as Vicar by Bishop Helen-Ann this evening.*

**19 Friday Ember Day**

*Theodore of Tarsus, archbishop of Canterbury, 690 [CNS] \**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Eastern Oregon** *(ECUSA)*

Bp Patrick Bell

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Deanery of Northern Sunnmøre:

 Area Dean: Karl Johan Bjørge

* **Tynemouth Deanery:**

**Benefice: Shiremoor St Mark**

Priest in Charge: Rae Caro

*\** Stall occupied by Helen Wright, Cathedral Reader

**20 Saturday Ember Day**

John Coleridge Patteson, first bishop of Melanesia, and his companions, martyrs, 1871

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Orlu** *(Nigeria)*

Abp Bennett C I Okoro

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Deanery of Northern Sunnmøre:

 Parish of Ålesund and Volsdalen

* **Tynemouth Deanery:**

**Benefice: Tynemouth Priory Holy Saviour**

Vicar: Steve Dixon

Assistant Curate: Emily Emmerson-Finch

*Please pray for all taking part in the Bishop’s Council Away Day.*

***This week …***

*“He saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him. ‘Follow me.’” (Matthew 9.9)*

Matthew was minding his own business when Jesus called him to be about his kingdom’s business, a reminder of the compelling and transforming call of Jesus; this week let’s pray for more and more people to hear the call ‘Follow me’, including those we know and pray for.

**21 MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST**

* **Porvoo Communion:**

Diocese of Sheffield

Diocese of Greenland *(within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark)*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan**

Primate: Abp Justin Badi Arama

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Deanery of Northern Sunnmøre:

 Parishes of Borgund, Ellingsøy and Spjelkavik

* **Tynemouth Deanery:** For the retired clegy of the Deanery

**22 Monday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Oru** *(Nigeria)*

Bp Geoffrey N Chukwunenye

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Deanery of Northern Sunnmøre:

 Parishes of Skodje and Ørskog

* **Tynemouth Deanery:**

**Benefice: Tynemouth St Paul Cullercoats**

Vicar: John Vilaseca-Bruch

Assistant Curate: Mairi Howell

Reader: Ann Laing

Readers (PTO): Pat Bond and Paul Haggie

**23 Tuesday**

*Adomnan, abbot of Iona, 704 [CNS]*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Osaka** *(Nippon Sei Ko Kai)*

Bp Andrew Haruhisa Iso

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Deanery of Northern Sunnmøre:

Parishes of Sandøy, Haram and Fjørtoft

* **Tynemouth Deanery:**

**Benefice: Wallsend St John**

Priest in Charge: *vacant*

**24 Wednesday**

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Osun** *(Nigeria)*

Bp Foluso Olugbenga Babatunji

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Deanery of Northern Sunnmøre:

Parishes of Brattvåg and Vatne

* **Tynemouth Deanery:**

**Benefice: Wallsend St Peter and St Luke**

Priest in Charge: *vacant*

**25 Thursday**

Lancelot Andrewes, bishop of Winchester, spiritual writer, 1626

*Sergei of Radonezh, Russian monastic reformer, teacher of the faith, 1392*

***This week …***

*“If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.” (Luke 16.31)*

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus is a salutary start to our annual Generosity Week; this week let’s pray that more people will hear of God’s generosity towards us, and that we all might be inspired to respond in life-giving and life-transforming ways.

*Ceolfrith, abbot of Jarrow, 716 [CNS \*]*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Osun North** *(Nigeria)*

Bp Samuel Ifeyemi

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Deanery of Northern Sunnmøre:

Parishes of Hamnsund and Giske

* **Tynemouth Deanery:**

St Luke’s Parish Church Wallsend

* **Praying for Christian Unity:**  For ARCIC (the Anglican/Roman Catholic International Commission) and its work.

\* Canon Allison Hardy

**26 Friday**

*Wilson Carlile, founder of the Church Army, 1942*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Osun North East** *(Nigeria)*

Bp-elect Abiodun T Olaoye

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Deanery of Northern Sunnmøre:

Parishes of Valderøy and Vigra

* **Tynemouth Deanery:**

St Peter’s Parish Church, Wallsend

* Wallsend St Peter’s C of E Primary School

**27 Saturday**

Vincent de Paul, founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists), 1660

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Ottawa** *(Canada)*

Bp Shane Parker

* **Diocese of Møre:**

**Deanery of Northern Sunnmøre**

Parishes of Geiranger and Liabygde

* **Tynemouth Deanery**

 **Benefice: Willington Team**

 Team Rector: Sue McCormack

 Team Vicar: Julie Mooney

 Associate Priests: Emily Watson and

 Kim Wears

 Readers: Patricia Bragg and

 Stephen McCormack (PTO)

*Pray today for Allison Harding, and those attending her Commissioning as Pioneer Minister of South Northumberland Transforming Communities (Bishop’s Mission Order) by Bishop Mark.*

**28 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

* **Porvoo Communion:**

Diocese of Swansea and Brecon *(Church in Wales)*

Diocese of Leicester

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan**

Primate: Abp Ezekiel Kumir Kondo

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Deanery of Northern Sunnmøre:

Parish of Norddal, Stordal and Stranda

* **Tynemouth Deanery:**

Church of the Good Shepherd, Battle Hill

**29 MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS**

**GENEROSITY WEEK: Day 1**

**The Gift of Creation**

Praying for wisdom to use the generous gift of our Lord’s creation for the benefit of all

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Otukpo** *(Nigeria)*

Bp David K Bello

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Deanery of Northern Sunnmøre:

Parishes of Sunnylven and Sula

* **Tynemouth Deanery:**

The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Willington



**30 Tuesday**

*Jerome, translator of the scriptures, teacher of the faith, 420*

* **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Owerri** *(Nigeria)*

Bp Chukwuma Oparah

* **Diocese of Møre:**

Deanery of Northern Sunnmøre:

 Parishes of Ikornnes and Sykkylven

* **Tynemouth Deanery:**

St Paul’s Centre, Willington Quay

**September Ember Days**

Please pray during this season and regularly

* For Stephen Tranter, Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Vocations, and those who assist him
* For those who are beginning their formation for ordained or lay ministry
* For those continuing their training
* For their teachers and mentors, including their parish colleagues
* For the staff of Lindisfarne College and Cranmer Hall, Durham
* For all who are presently in the discernment process, and those just beginning to explore possibilities for public ministry

**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 normally 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.
* Fourthly, we pray for our own Diocese of Newcastle, especially the Tynemouth 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 in Norway
* Thirdly, our own Diocese, and the people, parishes, churches and schools in Tynemouth 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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