

Tuesday, 23rd
January

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - theme 'That All May Be Free'

Generous God, your overflowing love gave birth to creation; your redeeming love journeyed through lands of forsakenness so that the tomb might be empty, and our life with you unending. Teach us your logic – that to give is to receive, to empty ourselves is to be filled, that as we point away from ourselves we might discover anew our unity in Christ. Amen.

Diocese of Amritsar (North India). Bishop Pradeep Samantaroy.

Wednesday,
24th January
Francis de
Sales, bishop,
teacher of the
faith, 1622

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God of love, you risked your life through the womb of a teenager, and shared the nurture of your Son with a village carpenter. You understand families, communities, relationships – mixes all of beauty and brokenness. Bless all those who raise children and care for the vulnerable, and through your grace gather them into the life of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for Archbishop Jackson Sapit. Primate and Archbishop of all Kenya.

Thursday 25th
January
Conversion of
Paul

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God of unity, Trinity of the Three, you call your people to be one that the world may believe. Grant us your Spirit that we might act and speak with one voice, so that our world's pains and divisions may be transformed by healing, hope and reconciliation, our Lord's prayer be answered, and your name glorified and hallowed. Amen

Pray for the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior (formerly Cariboo) - (British Columbia and the Yukon, Canada). Bishop Barbara Andrews.

Friday 26th
January
Timothy and
Titus,
companions of
Paul

Diocese of Leeds (West Yorkshire and the Dales)

The Rt Revd Nicholas Baines

The Diocese of Leeds is now in its second phase since its inception in 2014. We face new challenges, but thank God for all that has been achieved by faithful people so far. Please pray that we will continue to grow in a disciplined way as we now expand our mission and ministry in a coherent and hopeful way.

Diocese of Angola (Missionary Diocese) (Southern Africa). Bishop Andre Soares.

Saturday 27th
January

Ripon Cathedral

The Very Revd John Dobson

Diocese of Ankole (Uganda). Bishop Sheldon Mwesigwa.

Sunday 28th
January
4th Sunday of
Epiphany

Diocesan Advisory Committee

Chair: The Revd Canon John Weetman, DAC Secretary: Catherine Copp; Diocesan Church Buildings Advisor: Phil Thomas.

Please pray for Phil as he awaits hip surgery and prepares for retirement; for the appointment of a new Church Buildings Advisor; for Catherine during this period of transition; and for the Archdeacons, DAC members and advisors, the Diocesan Chancellor and Registry in their work of assisting parishes in the stewardship of their buildings.

Pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil. Archbishop Francisco Da Silva

Monday 29th
January

Diocesan Board of Education

Chair: The Rt Revd Paul Ferguson, Director: Andrew Smith

Pray for our 125 Church of England schools and academies; their 22,000 pupils, families, staff and governors. Pray that our schools may be an integral part of our diocesan mission and places where Jesus' promise to bring 'life in all its fullness' is lived out on a daily basis.

Diocese of Antananarivo (Indian Ocean). Bishop Samoela Ranarivelo.

Tuesday 30th
January
Charles, King
and martyr
1649

Chester Cathedral

Dean: Vacancy, Acting Dean: The Revd Canon Jane Brooke

Please pray for discernment in the appointment of the Dean at Chester cathedral in March 2018.

Diocese of Antsiranana (Indian Ocean). Bishop Theophile Botomazava.

Wednesday
31st
John Bosco,
priest, founder
of the Salesian
Teaching
Order, 1888

Diocese of Chester

The Rt Revd Peter Forster

Please pray for our on-going discussions over our diocesan mission strategy, particularly in relation to our urban areas, and young people'

Diocese of Aotearoa (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia). Vacant.

Should you have any queries regarding the Prayer Calendar please do not hesitate to contact the Reverend Richard Carew via email: prayerdiary@archbishopofyork.org or phone: 01904 707021

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Diocese of York Prayer Diary - January 2018

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Monday 1st
January
Naming and
Circumcision of
Jesus

York Minster

Clergy: The Very Revd Vivienne Faull, The Revd Canon Peter Moger, The Revd Dr Canon Chris Collingwood, The Revd Canon Michael Smith, The Revd Catriona Cumming, Reader: Diane Craven, Chapter Steward: Kathryn Blacker, Lay Ministry Assistants: Phil Grayson, Sammi Tooze.

Please pray for York Minster's worshippers, volunteers and employees as together we seek to ensure that all are invited to discover God's love here. Pray for 'York Neighbours', 'Homestart' and 'Embrace the Middle East', the charities we support and pray for all we are doing under the theme of 'Reconciliation' as we look towards to the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.

Diocese of Aba (Niger Delta, Nigeria). Archbishop Ugochukwu Ezuoke.

Tuesday 2nd
January
Basil the Great
and Gregory of
Nazianzus,
bishops,
teachers of the
faith, 379 and
389

Stokesley Deanery

Area Dean: The Revd Canon John Ford, Lay Dean: Kate Brown, Deanery Readers: Avril Rhodes, Stuart Turner, Chapter Clerk: The Revd Paul Peverell, Secretary: David Local, Deanery Finance

Advisor: Martin Bailey

Stokesley Deanery extends from the southern edge of Middlesbrough to the northern edge of the North Yorkshire Moors. Parishes include Suburban, Social housing, Market Town, Commuter villages and rural villages. Please pray for the Deanery as we explore ways of supporting one another as we develop the Deanery Plan, seeking to discover God's plan for the most effective way of ministering across the Deanery. We give thanks for the support of the clergy, Self Supporting Ministers, Readers and Retired Clergy in covering services and pastoral care in the vacant parishes. Please pray especially for the parishes of Nunthorpe, Rudby-in-Cleveland, Middleton on Leven, Crathorne, Kirklevington and Worsall, Whorlton, Carlton-in-Cleveland and Faceby who are facing changes in 2018.

Diocese of Abakaliki (Enugu, Nigeria). Bishop Monday Nkwoagu.

Wednesday , 3rd
January

St Margaret, Brookfield; St Peter, Hilton; St Peter and Paul, Stainton-in-Cleveland.

Clergy: The Revd Vivienne Hatten, Churchwardens: Colin Mason, Vernon Clare, Sally Hamlin, Barbara Sowerby, David Clark

Please give thanks for all who serve God so faithfully in these parishes. Pray that we may be a vibrant witness in our communities as we seek to reach out to those around us.

Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney (Scotland). The Revd Canon Anne Dyer.

Thursday, 4th
January

St Francis of Assisi, Ingleby Barwick.

Clergy: The Revd Clay Roundtree, the Revd David Charlton, Churchwardens: Hayley Morris, Janet Gyllenspetz, RPAs: Alicia Lightfoot, Liz Brown, Catherine Charlton, Contextual Ordinand: Laura Wild

Please pray for the PCC as we prepare for the LYCiG conference in February and for the vicar on his extended study leave, focusing on mindfulness and the Church's use of silence in prayer and worship.

Diocese of Accra (Ghana, West Africa). Bishop Daniel Torto.

Friday, 5th
January

St Hilda, Bilsdale Priory; St Andrew, Ingleby Greenhow; St Cuthbert, Kildale; St Augustine, Kirkby-in-Cleveland.

Clergy: The Revd Dr Anne Heading, Reader: Dr David Heading, Retired Clergy: The Revd Geoffrey Haysmore, Churchwardens: John Coverdale, Pat Coverdale, Dennis Easton, Carol McGee, Neil Glover, Andrew Sutcliffe, Ros Tomlinson, RPAs: Sarah Weyell, Carol McGee, Bev Workman Pray for the monthly Pram service "Steps" at St. Augustine's, Kirkby and give thanks for increasing links with the Nursery. Give thanks for Posada running during Advent for our Pram service children and for their involvement in the Christmas Eve Crib Service and future Family Services. Please pray for sharing the Gospel through the Harvest and Lambing Services at St. Hilda's Bilsdale Priory, for the ongoing work in the schools and our monthly United Benefice Services. Pray too for our schools: Ingleby Greenhow C of E Primary School, Bilsdale Midcable Chop Gate C of E Primary School, Kirkby and Great Broughton C of E Primary School

Diocese of Adelaide (South Australia, Australia). Bishop Geoffrey Smith.

Saturday, 6th
January
Epiphany

O God, who revealed your only Son to the Gentiles by the leading of a star, mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may after this life enjoy the splendor of your gracious Godhead, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, 7th January Baptism of Christ 1st Sunday of Epiphany	<p>St Timothy, Hemlington.</p> <p>Clergy: The Revd Rob Desics, Churchwardens: Susan Blewitt, Christine Thompson</p> <p>We give thanks for the silver jubilee of our parish, and we pray for our celebration events throughout 2018. We pray for Alban, Grace, Sarah, Lily, Annie and Ella who are being baptised and confirmed on St Timothy's Day by Bishop Glyn. We pray for the work of our community cafe, our Foodbank, our Boys' Brigade Company, and our efforts to find the funding to do urgent repairs to our church roof. Above all we pray that we might grow as a church and bring glory to God by serving our local community in the name of Christ</p> <p>Pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. Archbishop Winston Halapua.</p>
Monday ,8th January	<p>Christ Church, Great Ayton & St Oswald's Newton under Roseberry</p> <p>Clergy: The Revd Paul Peverell, The Revd Geoff Jaques, The Revd Jon Dean: Readers: Peter Titchmarsh, Margaret Lewis, Churchwardens: Vicki Nath, Rob Pepper, Maureen Rider, Paul Carter</p> <p>Give thanks for the excellent progress of Marwood C of E Infant school and good relationships with Roseberry Primary Academy. Pray that a new Churchwarden may be found for each Parish this year, as we give thanks for all Vicki and Paul have done.</p> <p>Diocese of Afikpo (Enugu, Nigeria). Bishop Paul Uduogu.</p>
Tuesday ,9th January	<p>St Mary, Nunthorpe.</p> <p>Clergy: The Revd Paul Peverell, Reader: Janet Hinton, Retired Clergy: The Revd Pat Harrison, The Revd Judy Cook, The Revd John Blakesley, Churchwardens: David Young, Mike Arnott</p> <p>We give thanks for a good and happy year as we have grown in faith and confidence. We pray for a new Incumbent to lead us forward following Paul's year as Interim "vicar" as we reach out into our community with the warm welcome of a God who loves us.</p> <p>Diocese of Agra (North India). Bishop Prem Habil.</p>
Wednesday, 10th January William Laud, archbishop, 1645	<p>St Peter & St Paul Stokesley, St Martin Seamer-in-Cleveland.</p> <p>Clergy: The Revd Paul Hutchinson, Retired Clergy: The Revd Howard Smith, The Revd Malcolm Spenceley, Reader: Dr Noel Harker, Churchwardens: David Hand, Judith Turland.</p> <p>Please pray: for guidance as to how we can work constructively with our neighbours, Great Ayton, and the more rural parishes in our part of the Deanery at a time of local reorganisation; for preparations for a parish retreat in the first half of Holy Week; for new opportunities for church growth here.</p> <p>Diocese of Aguata (Niger, Nigeria). Archbishop Christian Efobi.</p>
Thursday, 11th January Mary Slessor, missionary, 1645	<p>Benefice of Whorlton with Carlton and Faceby</p> <p>Clergy: Vacancy, The Revd Alison Hutchinson, Reader: Gordon Clarke, Churchwardens: Sarah Lee, Mike Rogers, Judith Salmon, Bob Sayer, Lorna Kessell, Amy Mazingham</p> <p>Please pray for all those who are taking on extra responsibilities during the vacancy, especially Alison, as they work to maintain the ministry in the parish and start to work towards future changes. Please pray that a faithful priest may soon be appointed to lead the parishes forward into new ways of working.</p> <p>Diocese of Aipo Rongo (Papua New Guinea). Bishop Nathan Ingen.</p>
Friday, 12th January Aelred, abbot, 1167 Benedict Biscop, scholar, 689	<p>St Mary Magdalene, Yarm.</p> <p>Clergy: The Revd Canon John Ford, The Revd Billy Barnes, Churchwardens: Marion Johnston, John Rhodes, Retired Clergy: The Revd Peter Elliott</p> <p>Please pray for the parish as it moves the Parish Plan forward with an emphasis on growth and for team leading the LYCIG initiatives as we seek to make and nurture disciples in Yarm. Pray also for our work with young families, in the Pram Service, the "Funday Sunday Sparkles" and through our partnership with HomeStart and for the elderly and infirm through our work in the Care Homes as we reach out to those in need.</p> <p>Diocese of Ajayi Crowther (badan, Nigeria). Bishop Olugbenga Oduntan.</p>
Saturday, 13th January Hilary, bishop, teacher of the faith, 367 Kentigern (Mungo), missionary bishop, 603 George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends (Quakers), 1691	<p>All Saints Crathorne; St Martin and St Hilary Kirklevington; St Cuthbert's Middleton; All Saints Rudby-in-Cleveland; All Saints Worsall</p> <p>Clergy: Interim Priest-in Charge: The Revd Canon John Ford, The Revd Robert Opala, The Revd Pauline Percy, Reader: Su Reid, RPA: Kate Brown, Churchwardens: Lord Crathorne, Kate Brown, Elsi Hampton, Margaret Gotts, Owen Searle, Jennifer Watt</p> <p>Please for the Benefice as it settles down to a new pattern of working and prepares itself for changes in 2018. Pray that the signs of growth from the initiatives in schools will continue.</p> <p>Diocese of Akoko (Ondo, Nigeria). Bishop Gabriel Akinbiyi.</p>

Sunday, 14th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	<p>Church among Deaf People</p> <p>Please pray for the Revd Linda Shipp, recently retired as Chaplain among Deaf People, and the churches in York Diocese that welcome them; also The Deaf Club at Hull; also for those who sign for the services. Pray for new people getting involved and for the aging congregations who are becoming more frail, giving thanks for their faith and commitment.</p> <p>Pray for the Anglican Church of Australia. Archbishop Philip Freier</p>
Monday, 15th January	<p>Church among Disabled People</p> <p>Please pray for a deeper awareness of the needs of disabled people, and the will and knowledge to make them equal members of our worshipping communities. Please pray for those who are looking at how we might better serve and support those who need it, and to raise awareness of the difficulties disabled people face in accessing worship.</p> <p>Diocese of Akot (Bahr El Ghazal, South Sudan). Bishop Isaac Ater.</p>
Tuesday, 16th January	<p>Police Chaplaincy in Cleveland:</p> <p>Chaplaincy service for Cleveland Police continues to develop. We aim for further growth by developing a Volunteer Chaplaincy Team of Clergy and Lay across the Area. The links with and support from the Christian Police Association within the Service continue to strengthen. Please pray for all who work within the Service.</p> <p>Diocese of Akure (Ondo, Nigeria). Bishop Simeon Borokini.</p>
Wednesday, 17th January Antony of Egypt, hermit, abbot, 356 Charles Gore, bishop, founder of the Community of the Resurrection, 1932	<p>HM Prison and Young Offenders Institution Kirklevington Grange</p> <p>Anglican Chaplains: The Revd Susanne Jukes, The Revd Alison Hutchinson</p> <p>At this dark time of year, at the start of a new year, please pray for those who are struggling with the reality of the impact of their offending behaviour, on themselves, on their families, and on the community; pray for all those who work with them, especially the Chaplaincy Team. May the Light of Christ illuminate the way for all of us.</p> <p>Diocese of Alabama (IV, The Episcopal Church). Bishop John Sloan.</p>
Thursday, 18th January Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18-25 January Amy Carmichael, founder of the Dohnavur Fellowship, spiritual writer, 1951	<p>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity- theme 'That All May Be Free'</p> <p>Barrier-breaking God, you embrace all cultures and lands but keep a special place in your heart for the stranger, the widow and the orphan. Grant us the gift of your Spirit that we may become as you are, welcoming all as brothers and sisters, your cherished children, citizens together in Christ's kingdom of justice and peace. Amen</p> <p>Diocese of Alaska (V111, The Episcopal Church). Bishop Mark Lattime.</p>
Friday, 19th January Wulfstan, bishop, 1095	<p>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - theme 'That All May Be Free'</p> <p>Just and righteous God, you called your people out of slavery and onwards to the new humanity where all are one in Christ Jesus our Lord. Enfold with your love those trafficked as slaves today. Empower your Church to denounce and work to end that evil trade, living out the love and compassion of Christ as we tend its victims. Amen.</p> <p>Diocese of Algoma (Ontario, Canada). Bishop Anne Germond.</p>
Saturday, 20th January Richard Rolle, spiritual writer, 1349	<p>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - theme 'That All May Be Free'</p> <p>God of beauty, you made us in your image, endowed us with a loveliness little lower than the angels'. Save us from the exploitation of each other's bodies. For the sake of Christ, who became flesh and reigns in glory. Teach us that our bodies are sacraments of grace, and vessels of your beauty. Amen</p> <p>Diocese of Amazon (Brazil). Bishop Saulo de Barros.</p>
Sunday, 21st January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	<p>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - theme 'That All May Be Free'</p> <p>Reconciling God, Christ's nail-pierced hands are your intent from eternity. You call us to be signs of peace in the midst of violence, the embodiment of hope in the midst of despair. May Christ so live in us that we might spend and be spent in his ministry of reconciliation. Amen.</p> <p>Pray for The Church of Bangladesh. Archbishop Paul Sarker.</p>
Monday, 22nd January Vincent of Saragossa, deacon, martyr, 304	<p>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - theme 'That All May Be Free'</p> <p>God of the poor and dispossessed, you hear the cries of your despised ones. You look with favour on the lowly and bring down the powerful from their thrones. Hear our cries for those who are silenced, our protests for those pushed to the margins. In our advocacy with them may we find the unity to which you call us in Christ's name. Amen.</p> <p>Diocese of Amichi (Niger, Nigeria). Bishop Ephraim Ikeakor.</p>