



Diocese of York Prayer Diary - April 2019

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Monday 22nd April **Diocesan Retirement Officers**
 The Clergy Retirement Officers for the York Diocese: Revd Brian Harris (York), Revd Ruth Newton (East Riding), vacancy for Cleveland
 Monday of Easter Week We give thanks for the support and comfort provided to retired clergy and their spouses by The Revd Anthony Lindsay and The Revd David Cook over the last decade. Please pray for all retired clergy giving thanks for the contribution so many make to the life and worship of their community. Pray also for those who are no longer in active ministry, giving thanks for all that they have given to the Church. Pray for their spouses, and all clergy widows and widowers especially those who feel lonely.
Diocese of Montreal (Canada) The Rt Revd Mary Irwin-Gibson

Tuesday 23rd April **ACTS 435**
 Administrator: Jenny Herrera
 Tuesday of Easter Week Give thanks for the ongoing work of Acts 435 and for the faithfulness of the donors who meet the needs. Pray that more churches will choose to partner with Acts 435 to reach out to many more people in need in this practical way, showing God's love in action
Diocese of Moosonee (Canada) The Rt Revd Thomas Corston

Wednesday 24th April **Wydale Hall**
 Wednesday of Easter Week We give thanks for our wonderful community of staff and volunteers who all work so hard to make Wydale a 'prayerful community renewing the church's mission'. We pray for the next phase of our strategic plan – for the growth and development of our community. Pray that God will supply our needs in terms of people and accommodation on site for them.
Diocese of Moray, Ross & Caithness (Scotland) The Most Revd Mark Strange

Thursday 25th April **Bishophorpe Palace**
 Thursday of Easter Week The Most Revd and Rt Hon Dr John Sentamu
 Chief of Staff: The Revd Malcolm Macnaughton, Chaplain and Researcher: The Revd Dr Daphne Green, Domestic Chaplain: The Revd Simon Bray, and all the Staff at Bishophorpe Palace.
 Pray for all who work at Bishophorpe in various roles, supporting the ministry of the Archbishop of York in the Diocese, Province and Nation. We give thanks for those staff members who have joined the team recently and for the continued support and care towards one another.
Diocese of Morobo (South Sudan) The Rt Revd James Kenyi Elia

Friday 26th April **Diocese of Manchester**
 Friday of Easter Week The Rt Revd Dr David Walker
 Manchester is an urban diocese with significant areas of deprivation. We give thanks for good inter-faith relations and pray for our ongoing ministry to the people of this diocese.
Diocese of Morogoro (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Godfrey Sehaba

Saturday 27th April **Christian Aid - Circle the City**
 Saturday of Easter Week We pray for the Circle the City event taking place in Manchester today. An opportunity for people to walk the city visiting historic places of worship including a service to start the day at Manchester Cathedral.
Diocese of Mount Kenya Central (Kenya) The Rt Revd Timothy Gichere

Sunday 28th April 2nd Sunday of Easter **Manchester Cathedral**
 Dean: The Very Revd Rogers Govender
 We pray for the leading of God's Spirit as we seek to be a mission shaped Cathedral.
Pray for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan)

Monday 29th April **Generous Giving Team - The Venerable Sam Rushton**
 George, Martyr, patron, England, c.304
 Pray for all involved in encouraging Generous Giving in the Diocese, for Jo Beacroft-Mitchell, David Smallwood and Sammi Tooze, for words of encouragement and hope in their discussions with Deaneries and parishes, for safe travel around the Diocese. We also pray for all those working on the strategy for Sustainable Giving, for Archdeacon Sam and the work of the Sustainable Finance Working Group.
Diocese of mount Kilimanjaro (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Stanley Elilekia Hotay

Tuesday 30th April **Diocesan Board of Finance - Mr Rodney Barton**
 Mark the Evangelist
 Please pray for the York Diocesan Board of Finance as it focuses its role to support the achievement of the diocesan strategic goals.
Diocese of Mpumalanga (South Africa) The Rt Revd Daniel Kgomosotho

Monday 1st April Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, teacher of the faith, 1872 **Guisborough Deanery**
 Area Dean until 9 April: The Revd Rachel Harrison. From 9 April: The Revd David Tembey.
 Pray for our Deanery Leadership Team, lay and ordained in their various roles across the Deanery and for God's Spirit to guide us.

Tuesday 2nd April **Diocese of Mbeere (Kenya) The Rt Revd Moses Masamba Nthukah**
All Saints, Skelton with Upleatham, St Aidan, Boosebeck and St Chad's Lingdale
 Clergy: The Revd Valerie Haynes, Retired clergy: The Revd Geoff Wood, Reader: Martyn Marsh.
 Churchwardens: Geoff Scott, Alison Husband, Sue Gauchi.
 Give thanks for all the opportunities available to reach people with the love of Christ in our community.
Diocese of Mbashe (South Africa) The Rt Revd Elliot Williams

Wednesday 3rd April **St Margaret, Brotton Parva**
 Clergy: The Revd Jonathan Rhodes, Churchwardens: Lynne Richards, Dennis Housam
 Please pray that we continue to proclaim Jesus Christ, making disciples of all generations.
Diocese of Meath and Kildare (Ireland) The Most Revd Patricia Louise Storey

Thursday 4th April **Christ Church, Coatham and All Saints, Dormanstown**
 Clergy: The Revd Rebecca Haughty, Churchwardens: Carol Upton, Syd Taylor, Margaret Hammond, Dave Stones.
 Please pray for our LYCIG planning and our outreach to the local community through our Church Shop, Foodbank and schools work. Also the Church Family at Coatham & Dormanstown as we continue with our application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for renovations to the spire and tower at Christ Church, Coatham.
Diocese of Medak (South India) The Rt Revd A.C Solomon Raj

Friday 5th April **All Saints Easington, St Michael's, Liverton, St Hilda's, Liverton Mine**
 Clergy: Revd Danny Walker, Churchwardens: Vicky Rushin-Chape, Edwin Snowdon, Karen Ward, Glenda Hudson
 We are pleased to have a new priest in charge and we give thanks for the wonderful work done by our churchwardens during the vacancy. Prayers are requested for our project to build a new church in Liverton Mines
Diocese of Melbourne (Australia) The Most Revd Philip Leslie Freier (Primate)

Saturday 6th April **St Leonard Loftus in Cleveland, St Helen Carlin How with Skinninggrove**
 Clergy: The Revd Adam Gaunt, Reader: Jeanne Parncutt, Churchwardens: Kath Marshall, Jeanne Parncutt, Marjorie Veal, Malcolm White, Vanessa Allanson
 Please pray for our mission and ministry to the community here in East Cleveland, and especially to young people and families. Pray that Almighty God may continue to bless the work of our Children's Choir, our Sunday School and Sunday School After School Club on Monday afternoons.
Diocese of Meru (Kenya) The Rt Revd Charles Mwendwa

Sunday 7th April 5th Sunday of Lent Passiontide begins **Prayer for the UK Parliament**
 God of eternal love and power, save our Parliamentary Democracy; protect our High Court of Parliament and all its members from partiality and prejudice; that they may walk humbly the path of kindness, justice and mercy. Give them wisdom, insight and a concern for the common good. The weight of their calling is too much to bear in their own strength, therefore we pray earnestly, Father, send them help from your Holy Place, and be their tower of strength. Lord, graciously hear us.
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Pray for The Church of Ireland

Monday 8th April	<p>St Cuthbert, Kirkleatham, St Hilda, Kirkleatham Clergy: The Revd Matt Strand, Clergy with Permission to officiate: The Revd Sarah Strand, The Revd Billy Barnes, The Revd David Lambert, Reader: George Featherston, Parish Assistant: Sr Anita Smith, Church Wardens of St Hilda's: Rob Nightingale, Cynthia Watson, Bruce Williams, Ann Bouville As a parish we are undergoing a significant time of transition. At the present time, we are particularly focusing on growth in our discipleship and with children and young families. Please also pray for the progression of the new St Hilda's church building due to begin construction in May, and for the funds required to complete the project. Diocese of Mexico (Mexico) The Rt Revd Carlos Touche-Porter</p>
Tuesday 9th April Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran pastor, Marty, 1945	<p>St Nicholas, Guisborough Clergy: The Revd Alison Phillipson, Retired Clergy: The Revd Marian Gardner, The Revd David Cook, The Revd Stuart East, Readers: Geoff Hill, Sue Hill, Churchwardens: Alwyn Jones, John Douglass Please pray for us as we continue our recently started Church/Schools Partnership Project, as we reach out to the four Primary Schools in Guisborough through music and welcome the children into church for regular services. Give thanks for the enthusiasm of Chris who works with the children, and for Marianne, Lorna and David who manage, support and evaluate the project. Diocese of Michigan (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Wendell Gibbs</p>
Wednesday 10th April William Law, priest, spiritual writer, 1761 William of Ockham, friar, philosopher, teacher of the faith, 1347	<p>Ordination of Readers as Deacons The Venerable Samantha Rushton—Warden of Readers We pray for the 19 Readers ordained as Vocational Deacons in 2018 and 2019. We pray that, through them, the Gospel will be proclaimed with greater power throughout the Diocese and that many will come to Christ through their service in their local parishes. We pray for a special filling of the Holy Spirit for each of them that they might know the depth of Christ's love for themselves and witness to it in all that they do. Diocese of Milwaukee (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Steven Miller</p>
Thursday 11th April George Selwyn, bishop, 1878	<p>St Mark, Marske in Cleveland Clergy: The Revd David Tembey, Reader: Dr Janet Dack, Churchwardens: Sue Sotheran, Peter Tinkler Please pray for us as we continue with LYCIG and to seek further ways to reach into the community and strengthen our links with the schools. Diocese of Minna (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Daniel Abu Yisa</p>
Friday 12th April	<p>Northern Church Leaders' Retreat Pray for this ecumenical gathering taking place, with opportunities for prayer, worship, study and fellowship with one another. Minnesota (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Brian Prior</p>
Saturday 13th April	<p>St Cuthbert, Wilton Focal Minister - Reader: Christine Hill, Churchwardens: Dorothy McKenna and Ed Evans We give thanks for continuing links with the local school and also for a steady growth in numbers at our weekly services. We give thanks for the contribution of each member of the congregation as we travel on this exciting journey together. We pray that we may find the resources for new heating to make our church a more welcoming place to be. Diocese of Mishamikoweesh (Canada) The Rt Revd Lydia Mamakwa</p>
Sunday 14th April Palm Sunday	<p>St Peter, Redcar Clergy: The Revd Canon Rachel Harrison, Assistant Curate: The Revd Tina Burgess, Readers in Training: Sister Louisa Ann OHP., Steve Graham, Retired Clergy: The Reverend Stephen and The Reverend Alison Fisher, The Reverend Bruce Harrison, Churchwardens: Anne Hagen, Claire Soderman Please join with us as we celebrate the many blessings we receive daily; for the members of our worshipping community who use their God given skills to enhance worship and to reach out to the community who give prayerful support to church life. Please pray that as we continually reassess our involvement in the community, that we will discern the opportunities for intentional mission and outreach. Pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East</p>

Monday 15th April	<p>Emmanuel, Saltburn-by-the-Sea with St Thomas, New Marske Clergy: The Revd Adam Reed, Reader: Olwyn Cooke, Churchwardens: Steph Hanczik, Sue Welburn, Jackie Abbley, Retired Clergy: The Revd David Lester, The Revd Graham Pacey, The Revd Matthew Holland, The Revd Ian Guy We pray for The Revd Adam Reed, the Vicar of Saltburn and New Marske; for Olwyn Cooke, the Reader at St Thomas'; for the churchwardens and treasurers of both parishes. We pray particularly for God's blessing on the children's ministry across both churches. Diocese of Mississippi (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Brian Seage</p>
Tuesday 16th April Tuesday of Holy Week	<p>North Holderness Deanery Area Dean: The Revd Anne White, Lay Dean: John Robinson. We continue to give thanks for the appointment of The Revd Maureen Desborough as our Deanery Priest. We pray for our new Lay Dean, Mr John Robinson as he settles into this role. We ask for God's blessing for our Deanery Songs of Praise and Deanery Retreat Day. We pray for God's guidance as we continue to develop this rural deanery. Diocese of Missouri (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Wayne Smith</p>
Wednesday 17th April Wednesday of Holy Week	<p>St Bartholomew, Aldbrough , St Giles, Goxhill, All Saints, Mappleton, St Alban Withernwick Priest in Charge The Revd Anne White, Churchwardens: Mrs Kath Moore; Mrs Christine Longstaff, Mr Brian Rhodes; Mrs Ruth Skinner, Mrs Anne Wood We give thanks for the success of Messy Church meeting during half-term holidays. We look forward to welcoming couples for weddings in all our churches this year. As we continue to grow together as a Benefice we give thanks to God for all that is good and pray for those elected to serve on the various PCC's. Diocese of Mityana (Uganda). The Rt Revd Stephen Kaziimba</p>
Thursday 18th April Maundy Thursday	<p>St Margaret Long Riston, All Saints Rise, St Augustine Skirlaugh, St James Ellerby, St Mary Swine, St Michael's Catwick, St John the Baptist, Bewholme with Nunkeeling, St Lawrence, Sigglesthorne Clergy: The Revd Andy Simpson, The Revd Maureen Desborough, Retired Clergy: Father Lawrence Trender, Readers: Malcolm Head, Helen Wastling, Reader in Training: Paula Evans. Recognised Parish Assistant, Oliver Todd Please pray for the leadership teams in each parish as we seek to work more closely together; the benefice pastoral care team; our Occasional Office Ministry, our children and young peoples' ministry; the work in our three Church schools and for the planned community outreach and fundraising events that will take place over the coming months. Please also pray for our awareness of God's presence in our lives and in the lives of those we encounter. Mombasa (Kenya) the Rt Revd Alphonse Mwaro Baya</p>
Friday 19th April Good Friday	<p>Parishes of Beeford with Lissett & Dunnington, North Frodingham, Foston on the Wolds, Brandesburton and Leven Clergy: The Revd James Grainger-Smith, Deacon: The Revd Shirley Hebden, Deanery Priest: The Revd. Mo Desborough We are thankful for Shirley's ordination to the distinctive Diaconate and pray for her in this new role. We also pray for the new after-school club we are starting in Leven - that it would positively impact children attending, their families and the wider community. Diocese of Monmouth (Wales) The Rt Revd Richard Pain</p>
Saturday 20th April Easter Eve	<p>St Lawrence Atwick, St Nicholas Hornsea, All Saints Skipsea Clergy: The Revd Tina Minett Stevens, Clergy with Permission to Officiate: The Revd Canon Sidney Fox, Fr John Jordan, Churchwardens: Mrs Sallie Hammond, Mrs Maureen Sampson, Mrs Rosemary Brown, Mr V. A (Tony) Waldron, Mr Andrew Eastwood, Dr Peter Stevens, Mr John Moss, Mr Keith Rhodes We give thanks to God for His faithfulness as we continue on our LYCiG journey; and for increasing links with the communities we serve. We pray that God would deepen our relationships within the Benefice, with our Ecumenical partners and our local communities. Diocese of Montana (The Episcopal Church). The Rt Revd C. Franklin Brookhart</p>
Sunday 21st April Easter Day	<p>We rejoice with the whole church throughout the world in the glorious resurrection of Christ. With our sisters and brothers in our link dioceses in South Africa, and with one another, we proclaim, 'Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!' Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!</p>

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

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Pray for The Peace of Jerusalem and the People of the Land of the Holy One