

# DIOCESE OF YORK PRAYER DIARY

**JULY - SEPTEMBER 2024**



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**YORK**



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## Sharing God's love at York Pride

Churches across the Diocese of York joined together at the start of June to take part in York Pride. Under the banner of 'Christians at Pride', dozens of Christians from a variety of denominations took part in the parade and ran one of over 150 stalls during the festival.

The free event, first held in York in 2012, begins with a gathering in York city centre and a parade to the Knavesmire Racecourse. There, they are greeted with music, food, stalls, games, and more, all celebrating the LGBTQ+ community.

York Minster held a 'pre-pride' event the evening before, allowing after-hours access to the cathedral followed by compline. Alistair, a singer in the choir at York Minster, said the service was "a great opportunity for people who might have never set foot in the Minster before to come and look around. It's fantastic to welcome people into the Minster and to think about what the following day might bring."

One participant highlighted the importance of a strong Christian presence at Pride: "I think it's a wonderful example of an ecumenical gathering with one purpose – to let people know that they are loved by God. We never know who we might encounter, or how much someone might need to hear that they are loved, affirmed, and celebrated for the wonderful person that God has created them to be."

A worshipping community for LGBTQ+ Christians based at St Luke's, York – outsideIN – helped to organise the day's activities. Visitors to the Christians at Pride stall added white hearts with their names to a banner (pictured) which read 'I am wonderfully made', echoing the words of Psalm 139.

A volunteer on the stall said, "It was such a privilege to be part of Pride 2024. We were positioned right by the main stage so were able to share in the music and acts while also welcoming people into our tent to talk about the ways that our churches are engaging with the LGBTQ+ community."

Find out more at:

- [christiansatpride.com](http://christiansatpride.com)
- [stlukesyork.org/york-pride](http://stlukesyork.org/york-pride)
- [stlukesyork.org/outside-in](http://stlukesyork.org/outside-in)

God of love,  
we thank you for the witness  
of faithful LGBTQ+ Christians  
and allies.

Help us to open our hearts  
and minds, that we may  
rejoice with you in the beauty  
and diversity of your creation.

**Church of England:**

Diocese of St Albans, Bishop Alan Smith,  
Bishop Richard Atkinson, Bishop Jane Mainwaring

**Church of Sweden:**

Diocese of Linköping, Bishop Marika Markovits

Archdeaconry of **Breede Valley**,  
Diocese of False Bay

**Porvoo Communion**

**South Africa Diocesan Link**

**Sun 7 The Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Anglican Communion:** The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

**Mon 8 Pray for:** St Wilfrid, Brayton; St Francis of Assisi, Thorpe Willoughby

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Rio Grande, The Episcopal Church

**Tues 9 Pray for:** St Mary, Carlton; St Peter and St Paul, Drax

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Guadalcanal, The Anglican Church of Melanesia

**Weds 10 Pray for:** All Saints, Cawood; All Saints, Ryther; All Saints, Wistow

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Guatemala; Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

**Thurs 11 Calendar of Saints: Benedict, abbot c 550**

**Pray for:** St Mary, Birkin; St John the Baptist, Haddlesey; St Mary, Hambleton

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Guildford, The Church of England

**Fri 12 Pray for:** St James, Fairburn; All Saints, Ledsham

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Guinea, The Church of the Province of West Africa

**Sat 13 Pray for:** Diocesan Synod, which meets today

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Gujarat, The Church of North India (United)



## Giving thanks for the Ministries of Bishop Paul and Bishop John



**Archbishop Stephen gives thanks, marking the retirement of Bishop Paul and Bishop John.**

It is with thanksgiving for long and faithful ministries that we bid farewell to Bishop Paul and Bishop John, who retired at the end of July. Their ten years (each!) of episcopal ministry has been with faithfulness to their calling and hope in God; they have cared for their clergy and people and preached the Good News of the Gospel with grace and courage.

They have brought a richness to this diocese, each one in his own way: Bishop Paul with his love of liturgy and music, his commitment to schools and education, his skill in speaking different languages and his engagement with the ecumenical community; Bishop John with his passion for our South African link dioceses, and his tireless advocating for rural communities and the environment, his profound understanding of the local.

They have both exemplified what it means for a bishop to be a pastor and a teacher.

Each of them spoke movingly of their ministry at the Chrism Eucharist this year, and perhaps what struck me is their faithfulness to God and God's calling. I think this is because they truly embody the verse in Hebrews: 'Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful' (Heb. 10:23).

Throughout their ministry and all the challenges that come with it, they have held out for us an offering of hope. Let us pray that God will continue to grow this hope in them as they enter a new phase in ministry and in life. And may we continue to learn from them as we have been so blessed by their ministry and leadership.

Both Bishop Paul and Bishop John will say their farewells to the Diocese of York at 5.30pm Evensong in York Minster on Tuesday 16th July 2024. All are welcome.

*Archbishop Stephen*

**Church of England:**

Diocese of Newcastle, Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley,  
Bishop Mark Wroe

**Church of Norway:**

Diocese of Møre, Bishop Ingeborg Midttømme

Anglican Church of Southern Africa (ACSA)

**Growing the Church Commission**

**Porvoo Communion**

**South Africa Diocesan Link**

- Sun 14** **The Seventh Sunday after Trinity, Sea Sunday and Disability Awareness Day**  
Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow;  
though our faith is small as a mustard-seed, make it grow to your glory  
and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Pray for:** The retirement of the Bishops of Whitby and Selby, Paul Ferguson and John Thomson.  
**Anglican Communion:** The Church of Ireland
- Mon 15** **Calendar of Saints: Swithun, bishop, c 862; Bonaventure, friar, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1274**  
**Pray for:** St Wifrid of Ripon, Monk Fryston; St Mary, South Milford  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Central Gulf Coast, The Episcopal Church
- Tues 16** **Calendar of Saints: Osmund, bishop, 1099**  
**Pray for:** St Thomas a Becket Chapel, Ledston Hall  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Gusau, The Church of Nigeria
- Weds 17** **Pray for:** St James, Selby  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Guyana, The Church in the Province of the West Indies
- Thurs 18** **Calendar of Saints: Elizabeth Ferard, deaconess, founder of the Community of St Andrew, 1883**  
**Pray for:** St Mary and St Germain, Selby – Selby Abbey  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Gwagwalada, The Church of Nigeria
- Fri 19** **Calendar of Saints: Gregory, bishop and his sister, Macrina, deaconess, teachers of the faith, c.394 and c.379**  
**Pray for:** Holy Trinity, Barkston Ash; All Saints, Saxton; All Saints, Sherburn in Elmet  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Haiti, The Episcopal Church
- Sat 20** **Calendar of Saints: Margaret of Antioch, martyr, 4th cent. Bartolomé de las Casas, Apostle to the Indies 1566**  
**Pray for:** Schools in Selby Deanery: Aberford CE Primary, Barlow CE, Brayton CE Primary, Cawood CE, Chapel Haddlesley CE, Hambleton CE, Lady E. Hastings CE Ledston, Micklefield CE Primary, Monk Fryston CE Primary, Saxton CE Primary, Selby Abbey CE Primary, Wistow Parochial CE.  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Hanuato'o, The Anglican Church of Melanesia



## Celebrating thirty years of women's priestly ministry in the Diocese of York

On 4th June 2024, several hundred lay people and clergy gathered to give thanks for the first thirty years of women's priestly ministry in Diocese of York, at Evensong in York Minster.

Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell was present and gave a blessing at the end, and the preacher was the Revd Canon Sue Sheriff, one of the 39 women ordained priest in York Minster in May 1994 and now Priest-in-Charge of St Oswald's, Fulford, York. Around sixty ordained women joined Archbishop Stephen on York Minster's south steps for a photograph afterwards, followed by a smaller group of seventeen of those ordained priest in 1994, including a number of those ordained in York.

The Revd Jenny Wright, Chaplain to the Archbishop of York, writes,  
"This year marks the 30th anniversary of the ordination of women to the Priesthood. We recently celebrated this in York, joined by 32 priests who were among those women ordained in 1994, some of them in our own diocese.

"While the specific reason for gathering was to celebrate women as priests, it was also a reminder to celebrate ministry in the most

generous of ways. For through baptism we are all invited to participate in God's mission in this world through our discipleship and our ministry. Although some are set apart through ordained ministry (and we give thanks to God for these women and men), we all minister in different ways and thus help to accentuate the diversity of the Body of Christ.

"We are all called to prayerful obedience. Just as the first women who discovered the empty tomb on Easter Sunday ran off to proclaim the Good News, so we need to be bold in our telling of the Christian story. In the midst of the celebration, we recognise too that there is still a lack of diversity (not only of gender, but race, class, disability and sexuality) and that to remain true to our calling we need to again and again come to the foot of the cross, lamenting our brokenness, celebrating our change, and courageously seeking to be the people God is calling us to be.

"Let us give God thanks that every one of us has a part to play in God's plan!"

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**The Revd Canon Sue Sheriff reflected on her thirty years as a priest:**

I have just surprised myself by getting very emotional while celebrating the first Sunday Communion since the 30th anniversary of being ordained as a priest.

*Pictured: Sue Sheriff distributes Holy Communion for the first time in Southcoates, Hull, in 1994 [photo courtesy Hull Daily Mail]*

It took me right back to the day after the priesting in 1994 when I celebrated my first Communion.

As I looked out that Sunday morning from behind the communion table at many of the people who had supported me through my Christian journey and vocation to be a priest, I was overwhelmed with compassion for the flock for which Jesus had asked me to care.

It felt a massive responsibility for which even after 7 years as a deacon I felt ill-prepared and unworthy.

I took confidence from the fact that the day before in a packed York Minster my bishop and many colleagues had laid hands on me as the bishop said, "Send down the Holy Spirit upon your servant Suzanne for the office and work of a priest in your Church."

Together with some incredible Godly women I was ordained alongside, I had been interviewed to see if both the Church and we ourselves felt that God has called us to the distinctively different role of priest. In the ordination service we had been presented by the archdeacon to the bishop, and by the bishop to the people as he asked, is it your will that they should be ordained priest?

There had been a resounding "It is" that felt like it could have almost lifted the roof off our beautiful cathedral.

At the end of today's Communion I once again felt humbled and overwhelmed with compassion as we sang the lines "I will go, Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart" and for me that sums up what the last 30 years have been about.

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**The Revd Canon Angela Bailey, another of those ordained in York Minster in 1994, recalls:**

One feeling I have looking back on these years of women in priestly orders is deep respect for the women before us, and gratitude. Archbishop Runcie ordained as deacon in February 1987 women who were by then retired, together with us newbies. Some of these elder women had decades of faithful ministry behind them, models of service in places where they were not seen in the sanctuary nor heard in the liturgy.



We had a few years of 'permanent diaconate' as it was called then, before the ordination to priesthood. I was struck then and since by the way we needed to be light on our feet, adapting, developing theological thinking, learning new skills, to fulfil what the church was now calling us to. Of course, that's true of all Christians, witnessing 'afresh in each generation', and these first ordinations came after a lot of liturgical revision so some folk were used to new perspectives. Not everyone likes change though!

Beginning as a deaconess I never expected to be 'in charge', there were few such posts – and yet we were called to leadership and had to step up. I hope this helped me to nurture the gifts of those who were tempted to keep their lights under a bushel. One great joy of my ministry has been to see people grow in their following Jesus, and answering his call on their lives.

The Eucharist has always been central in my own faith and to preside, to serve in that way is a privilege. The prayer of Jesus that we may be one is focussed in the Eucharist and is key to our witness that God was in Christ reconciling the world to God-self. For me this is the heart of our faith and our calling in the church, whatever our role in the celebration, to be together at the Eucharist. Speaking God's word of peace wherever we are serving is my prayer in pastoral work, which is my main role now.

So gratitude for the women before us, a sense of being light-footed on the Way, sharing the journey and seeing others grow into maturity in Christ, speaking God's word of peace and seeking unity in the Eucharist – these have been the themes of these past years. I've served with and among great folk – thank you.



**Church of Sweden:**

Diocese of Skara, Bishop Åke Bonnier

**Church of England:**

Diocese of Leeds, Bishop Nick Baines, Bishop Tony Robinson,  
 Bishop Anna Eltringham, Bishop Toby Howarth,  
 Bishop Smitha Prasadam, Bishop Arun Arora

Archdeaconry of Athlone,  
 Diocese of Cape Town

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

**Sun 21 The Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake:  
 when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair,  
 that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Anglican Communion:** The Nippon Sei Ko Kai**Mon 22 Calendar of Saints: Mary Magdalene**

**Pray for:** HMP Hull, HMP Humber and HMP Full Sutton: Chaplaincy staff and all in  
 their care

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Harare, The Church of the Province of Central Africa**Tues 23 Calendar of Saints: Bridget, abbess, 1373**

**Pray for:** Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust: including Hull Royal Infirmary  
 and Castle Hill Hospital; Dove House Hospice, Hull

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Hawaii, The Episcopal Church**Weds 24 Pray for:** Diocese of Carlisle; Carlisle Cathedral**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Hereford, The Church of England**Thurs 25 Calendar of Saints: James the Apostle****Pray for:** St Mark, Anlaby Common; St Peter, Anlaby**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Southern Highlands, The Anglican Church of Tanzania**Fri 26 Calendar of Saints: Anne and Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary****Pray for:** St Philip, Bilton Grange; St Peter, Bilton**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Highveld, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa**Sat 27 Calendar of Saints: Brooke Foss Westcott, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1901****Pray for:** St John, Bransholme**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Eastern Himalayas, The Church of North India (United)



## Pastoral Letter

**A Pastoral Letter from the Venerable Sam Rushton,  
Archdeacon of the York.**



*No man is an island,  
Entire of itself;  
Every man is a piece of the continent,  
A part of the main.*

These words written 400 years ago this year by John Donne are as redolent of meaning and challenge today as they have ever been. This year also marks the 80th anniversary of DDay, a testimony both to what happens when one power tries to exert its individualism over another but also the remarkable things which can be achieved when people of different nations work together in the fight against evil.

We have a sporting summer ahead of us as I write. The Olympics and Paralympics in Paris, the Euros in Germany, the men's and women's T20 Cricket World Cup in the US and West Indies and Bangladesh will all see British teams battling for European or World supremacy, not on killing fields but on sports grounds around the world. Men and women of all shapes and sizes, races and creeds, will come together in a glorious pageant of effort and skill, reaping the rewards of long hours of practice, attention to diet and health, and sacrifice. The sporting great will eat together, train together, test one another – as iron sharpens iron so their giftedness and their skill will urge one another on to be the best that they can be.

When we come together as disciples of Christ we go beyond what we can achieve alone. We encourage one another, we challenge one another, we cheer on those who are flagging and raise up those who fall. And surrounding us is that great cloud of witnesses who cheer us on, the communion of saints praying and praising with us the God who is love.

So let us not be islands of individual faith but let's go out there and show who we can be and what we can achieve together on the world, national and local stage. Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus and run your race well.

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania:

Bishop Mindaugas Sabutis

Church of Ireland:

Diocese of Derry and Raphoe, Bishop Andrew Foster

Anglican Church of Southern Africa (ACSA)

St Mary Magdalene Guild Executive

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

**Sun 28** **The Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day,  
and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Anglican Communion:** The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East

**Mon 29** **Calendar of Saints: Mary, Martha and Lazarus, companions of Our Lord**

**Pray for:** St Mary, Cottingham

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Ho, The Church of the Province of West Africa

**Tues 30** **Calendar of Saints: William Wilberforce, social reformer, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson anti-slavery campaigners, 1833, 1797 and 1846**

**Pray for:** The Ascension, Hull; St Thomas, Hull

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Hokkaido, The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

**Weds 31** **Calendar of Saints: Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, 1556**

**Pray for:** St Columba; St John; Victoria Dock Church, Drypool

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Honduras, The Episcopal Church

**Thurs 1** **Pray for:** All Saints, Hessle

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Hong Kong Island, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

**Fri 2** **Pray for:** Holy Trinity, Hull - Hull Minster

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of the Horn of Africa, The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria

**Sat 3** **Pray for:** St Cuthbert, Hull

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Hpa-an, The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)



## Young People Commissioned as Youth Discipleship Ambassadors for the Diocese

**The Revd Donneta Thomas, Curate at the Benefice of Northallerton with Kirby Sigston, shares her experience of supporting young people through the diocesan programme GROW: Youth Discipleship Ambassadors.**

'Growing Younger', led nationally by Archbishop Stephen, focuses on consultation and engagement with children and young people as an integral part of The Church of England's vision strategy.

GROW: Youth Discipleship Ambassadors was created in 2023, as a local diocesan response to the national vision of Growing Younger, enabling young people to grow in faith using the framework of our diocesan Rhythm of Life - prayer, scripture, worship, love, generosity, sharing faith, and rest.

GROW recognises this; the importance of enabling and equipping our young people to be active in their faith, to be a voice in the Church which is respected and listened to, and their role in serving the church and community in mission and ministry.

During 2024, pilot groups were held in four locations across the diocese, in Mowbray, Selby, Helmsley and Beverley. As part of this, St Oswald's, Sowerby and All Saints Northallerton

Youth Groups met together. They worked towards nurturing their faith through what it means to live as Christians in church and community, and what happens next.

The young people across all four cohorts gathered for a special service at York Minster on Sunday 16th June, where they were Commissioned as Youth Discipleship Ambassadors during Evensong by Bishop John. This was a really encouraging and exciting event for the young people, as they took their next step on their journey of faith. Young people across Mowbray Deanery then celebrated together with a picnic pilgrimage.

However, the journey doesn't stop here. Each Young Discipleship Ambassador is now working towards their next steps exploring how God is equipping and enabling them in their new role as Ambassadors.

Please pray for them, and that we the Church will welcome and recognise the children and young people in our communities as we seek to 'grow younger', and ask God who in your congregations is he calling to be the next Youth Discipleship Ambassadors.

**Church of England:**

Diocese of Bristol, Bishop Vivienne Faull, Bishop Neil Warwick

**Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland:**

Diocese of Helsinki, Bishop Teemu Laajasalo

Bishop of Saldanha Bay,

The Rt Revd Raphael Hess

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

**Sun 4 The Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Anglican Communion:** The Anglican Church of Kenya

**Mon 5 Calendar of Saints: Oswald, king, martyr, 642**

**Pray for:** St John, Newland

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Huron, The Anglican Church of Canada

**Tues 6 Calendar of Saints: Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**Pray for:** St Martin with the Transfiguration, Hull

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Hyderabad, The Church of Pakistan (United)

**Weds 7 Calendar of Saints: John Mason Neale, priest, hymn writer, 1866**

**Pray for:** St Mary, Lowgate, Hull

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Ibadan, The Church of Nigeria

**Thurs 8 Calendar of Saints: Dominic, priest, founder of the Order of the Preachers, 1221**

**Pray for:** St Mary; St Paul, Sculcoates

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Ibadan North, The Church of Nigeria

**Fri 9 Calendar of Saints: Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921**

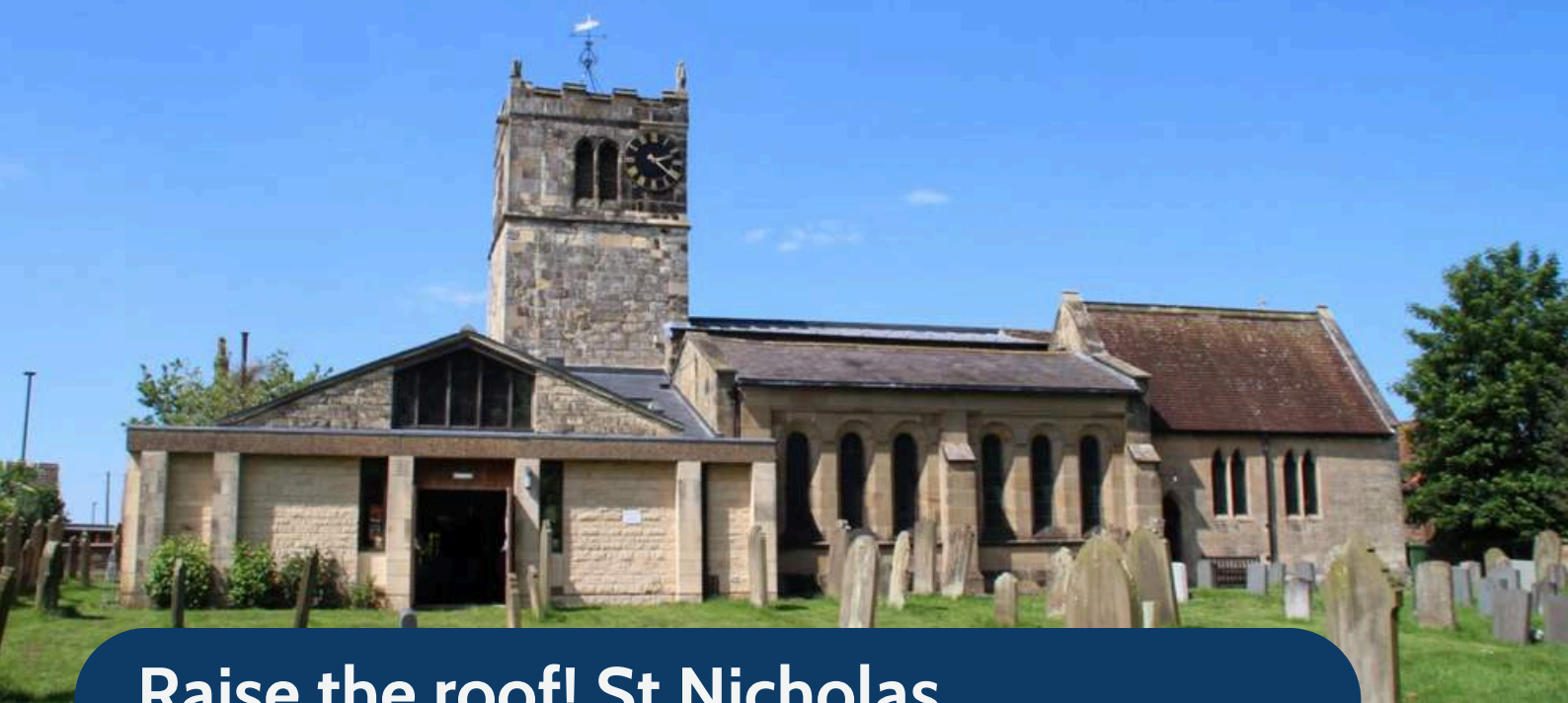
**Pray for:** St Michael and All Angels, North Hull

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Ibadan South, The Church of Nigeria

**Sat 10 Calendar of Saints: Laurence, deacon, martyr, 258**

**Pray for:** St Aidan, Southcoates, Hull

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Ibba, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan



## Raise the roof! St Nicholas, Dunnington, celebrates renovations

**Bishop John held a service of thanksgiving for the completed works on the Tower Room roof at St Nicholas, Dunnington.**

Originally built in 1988, the Tower Room had slate roof tiles, though these had cracked recently and needed to be replaced to ensure longevity.

The Revd Kath McBride, Rector of the Benefice of Rural East York, said, “The project cost over £110,000 and I would like to start by giving my thanks to all those who donated and helped to find grants to reach the total. The long-term plan is that this was Phase 1 which involved improving the insulation in the roof space, as well as the tiles, and this will help our building to be more energy efficient. Phase 2 of the project will be to replace the heating system with something more sustainable.

“As Bishop John reminded us, the building provides a great place for ministry and mission, but the church is built of living stones – the people of Dunnington who live out their faith and share Christ’s story.”

She added, “It was a lovely afternoon of celebration with our local community – there were plenty of scones for everyone, and the weather was both warm and dry enough to allow people the opportunity to wander around the churchyard and see the roof from the outside.”

Treasurer Helen Pomfret added “The £110,000 seemed like such a large total but we were blessed that £88,000 came from fundraising activities in the village. With some grants from local sources, we were able to reach our target.”

The Tower Room is used as a venue for many church events as well as the Community coffee morning, every Saturday at 10.00am, the Dunnington Parish Council meetings, and the Dunnington village art group.

Please pray for the church in Dunnington, for its people, its community and its mission.

**Church of England:**

Diocese of Portsmouth, Bishop Jonathan Frost

**Church of Sweden:**

Diocese of Stockholm, Bishop Andreas Holmberg

**College of the Transfiguration**, Theological college.

The College is an Anglican institution situated in the historic town of Grahamstown/Makhanda in the Eastern Cape Province of South Africa. The college serves the Anglican Church of Southern Africa which is made up of the following countries – South Africa, Namibia, Lesotho, Swaziland, Mozambique, Angola and the Island of St Helena.

Porvoo Communion

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- Sun 11** **The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**  
 God of glory, the end of our searching,  
 help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,  
 and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
 through our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**Anglican Communion:** The Anglican Church of Korea
- Mon 12** **Pray for:** St Alban, Hull  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Idah, The Church of Nigeria
- Tues 13** **Calendar of Saints:** Jeremy Taylor, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1667, Florence Nightingale, nurse, social reformer, 1910, Octavia Hill, social reformer, 1912  
**Pray for:** St Nicholas, Hull  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Idaho, The Episcopal Church
- Weds 14** **Calendar of Saints:** Maximilian Kolbe, friar, martyr, 1941  
**Pray for:** St Michael, Sutton; St Margaret, Longhill  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Ideato, The Church of Nigeria
- Thurs 15** **Calendar of Saints:** The Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Pray for:** St Andrew, Kirk Ella; St Luke, Willerby  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Idoani, The Church of Nigeria
- Fri 16** **Pray for:** St Giles; St Hilda, Marfleet  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Ife, The Church of Nigeria
- Sat 17** **Pray for:** St John the Baptist; Newington  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Ife East, The Church of Nigeria



## Sowing, Growing, Nesting with the Mustard Seed Community

**Heather Black, Mustard Seed Programme Leader, shares her reflections on Mustard Seed's growth, and ethos of Sowing, Growing, Nesting.**

The Mustard Seed Community continues to grow, with now over one hundred people who have joined the Stepping Up programme, a year of discipleship and formation for mission. Lay people who take part are drawn from parishes on the edge of our diocese 'where life is tough.' At the end of the year each person is invited to 'step up' in mission, using their gifts and lived experience to develop mission within their local community.

We are inspired by the mustard seed parable, each person like the smallest of seeds is full of potential to grow. We witness the growth and transformation that takes place during the Stepping Up year, people growing in faith and confidence to share the Good News of Jesus in their local community. Each person is involved in 'nest building' using the gifts and resources they find within themselves, their church and community to build spaces where people can feel at home. Each nest is shaped by the local people and place: youth clubs,

community cafes, food pantries, toddler groups, family activities and so much more.

We recently gathered as a Mustard Seed Community at Wydale Hall, with guest speaker Laurence Singlehurst. We had an excellent day exploring this model of mission: 'Sowing, Growing, Nesting'; the journey from first sowing seeds of the gospel to people nesting and finding a home in the family of God. We noticed the importance of listening and being with people on their journey from first contact with the church, that we need to listen to their stories and build relationships of trust, as we journey with them. We need invitations to spaces and events where people can encounter Jesus, good resources to help people discover and understand the gospel, and methods of nurture through alpha or similar groups where people can start their journey of faith.

You can find out more about Mustard Seed and be inspired by stories of faith and mission on the Mustard Seed website: [www.mseed.org](http://www.mseed.org)

Please pray for the Mustard Seed community, for each person as they grow in faith and step up in mission.



**Church of Ireland:**

Diocese of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh,  
Bishop Ferran Glenfield

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark:**

Diocese of Aarhus, Bishop Henrik Wigh-Poulsen

**St George's Cathedral,**  
Cape Town

**Porvoo Communion**

**South Africa Diocesan Link**

**Sun 18 The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Anglican Communion:** The Anglican Church of Melanesia

**Mon 19 Pray for:** All Saints; North Ferriby

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Ifo, The Church of Nigeria

**Tues 20 Calendar of Saints:** Bernard, abbot, teacher of the faith, 1153. William and Catherine Booth, founders of the Salvation Army, 1912, 1890

**Pray for:** St Andrew, Sutton Park; St Peter, Wawne

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Igbomina, The Church of Nigeria

**Weds 21 Pray for:** St James, Sutton

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Igbomina West, The Church of Nigeria

**Thurs 22 Pray for:** St Barnabas, Swanland

Also Victims of Violence based on Religion (UN)

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Ihiala, The Church of Nigeria

**Fri 23 Pray for:** Kingswood Conventional District

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Ijebu, The Church of Nigeria

**Sat 24 Calendar of Saints:** Bartholomew the Apostle

**Pray for:** Schools within the Hull Deanery; Alderman Cogan's CE School; Archbishop Sentamu's CE Academy; Hessle All Saints CE Infant School; Hessle All Saints CE Junior School; Newland St John CE Primary School; North Ferriby CE School; St Andrews CE Primary School; St James CE Primary School; The Hull Charterhouse

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Ijebu South West, The Church of Nigeria

# PRAYER

## Pastoral Letter



*A Pastoral Letter from the Bishop of Hull,  
the Rt Revd Eleanor Sanderson.*

The times and seasons of our Cristian tradition calls us into focussed prayer in different ways throughout the year. The time between Ascension and Pentecost is a world-wide call to pray for the unity of the church, for the coming of the Holy Spirit and, more recently, to each pray for five people to know the friendship and lordship of Christ through the Thy Kingdom Come initiative. In Lent, we pray with a focus on humility and repentance. In Advent we pray for, and with, longing for the coming Christ. In the season of Creation, we pray for our natural world and consciously join our voices with the great hymn of creation in praise to God.

Each day is also measured by calls to prayer through the offices of our church. To begin our day in intercession and the confidence that God has come to his people and set us free. To end our day in the companionship of Mary and Simeon and the confidence that the angels of God guard us through the night and quieten the powers of darkness. Each time to pray gives us a gift to know how to pray.

Yet, we are also compelled to pray without ceasing. To let our hearts babble away to God in constant conversation and in calm or wordless quiet. We also commit, through our confirmation commitments, to affirm Christ's authority by praying for our societies and world. As we approached the General Election, we were all invited to Pray our Part, to undergird our nation during that time with concerted prayer.

The call to prayer is such a solid foundation of our church and yet it can be so easy to let the hours and days pass without intentionally making time to pray. I personally find great inspiration from Terresa of Ávila whose practical wisdom is a wonderful combination with her profound encounters with the mystery of God. Her advice on prayer is particularly honest for when we have gone astray or given up, she simply encourages us to just start again.

Jesus shared a parable with the disciples (in Luke 18) that they would keep on praying and not lose heart. Knowing that we are a huge global family praying for one another and for the needs of the world certainly encourages my own heart!

This coming month may you be inspired in prayer and may your prayers bless our church and our world as together we give thanks for God's goodness.

**Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland:**  
Diocese of Espoo, Bishop Kaisamari Hintikka

**Scottish Episcopal Church:**  
Diocese of Edinburgh, Bishop John Armes

False Bay Link Officer,  
The Revd Sue Binks

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

- Sun 25** **The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
Almighty God, you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Anglican Communion:** La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico
- Mon 26** **Pray for:** St Stephen, Aldwark; St Mary, Alne; St Michael, Tollerton  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Ijebu-North, The Church of Nigeria
- Tues 27** **Calendar of Saints:** *Monica, mother of Augustus of Hippo, 387*  
**Pray for:** St Peter, Brafferton; St Mary, Myton-on-Swale; St Mary Magdalene;  
Thormanby  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Ijesha North East, The Church of Nigeria
- Weds 28** **Calendar of Saints:** *Augustine, bishop, teacher of the faith, 430*  
**Pray for:** All Saints, Brandsby; St Mary, Carlton Husthwaite; St Michael, Coxwold; St  
Cuthbert, Crayke; St Nicholas, Husthwaite; St Thomas, Wass; Holy Trinity, Yearsley  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Ijesha North, The Church of Nigeria
- Thurs 29** **Calendar of Saints:** *Beheading of John the Baptist*  
**Pray for:** St John the Baptist and All Saints, Easingwold; St Mary Raskelf  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Ijumu, The Church of Nigeria
- Fri 30** **Calendar of Saints:** *John Bunyan, spiritual writer, 1688*  
**Pray for:** All Saints, Newton-on-Ouse; Holy Evangelist; Shipton; St Giles, Skelton  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Ika, The Church of Nigeria
- Sat 31** **Calendar of Saints:** *Aidan, bishop, missionary, 651*  
**Pray for:** St Mary, Strensall  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Ikara, The Church of Nigeria



## A new resource for celebrating creation

**The Revd Jan Nobel, Green Ambassador for the Diocese of York, shares a new resource as we begin Creationtide.**

Creationtide or the Season of Creation is the period in the annual church calendar, from 1st September to 4th October, dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life.

Two years ago, two people sat down for a coffee and a chat in the shadow of York Minster. One was the newly appointed Green Ambassador for the Diocese, Revd Johannes Nobel, the other was the freelance writer and licensed lay minister Diane Craven. They talked about worship and creation, and about their shared conviction that 'creation isn't just for Creationtide'. An idea was born: to compile a resource for churches, combining prayer with practical action throughout the liturgical year.

Funding was found through a grant from the Environment Programme. A title transpired: 'Choose Life', based on the challenge from Deuteronomy: 'Therefore, choose life, that you and your offspring may live.' (Deut 30.19) A visual theme emerged: 'Kintsugi', the Japanese art of restoring broken ceramics using precious metals – not hiding the cracks but finding new beauty in brokenness.

As disciples of Christ, we are called to 'choose life': to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the Earth'. As members of Christ's body, we are commissioned to heal what has been broken by human sin. Creation waits with eager longing for the children of God to be revealed (Romans 8.19).

Writing and editing 'Choose Life' turned out to take more time than expected. But two years later, the resource has finally fledged! A number of paper copies has been distributed across the diocese – one per benefice – and a free e-book is available to all on the Choose Life website.

Please use this free gift to celebrate creation – now in Creationtide, and throughout the whole year, whenever the opportunity arises.

As Archbishop Stephen writes in the foreword:

"Worship shapes us. May these worship resources enable us to go out with joy as we celebrate the wonders of the world that God has made.' Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." (Isaiah 6.3)

**Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland:**

Diocese of Turku, Archbishop Tapio Luoma. Bishop Mari Leppänen

**Church of England:**

Diocese of York, Archbishop Stephen Cottrell,  
Bishop Eleanor Sanderson, Bishop Stephen Race

Archdeaconry of **Belville**,

Diocese of Saldanha Bay

**Porvoo Communion**

**South Africa Diocesan Link**

**Sun 1 The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross:  
may we trust in your mercy and know your love,  
rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Anglican Communion:** Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

**Mon 2 Calendar of Saints: Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901, 1942**

**Pray for:** St Leonard, Farlington; St Mary, Marton; St Helen and the Holy Cross;  
Sheriff Hutton; St Nicholas, Stillington; All Hallows, Sutton-on-the-Forest

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Ikeduru, The Church of Nigeria

**Tues 3 Calendar of Saints: Gregory the Great, bishop, teacher of the faith, 604**

**Pray for:** Schools within the Easingwold Deanery; Crayke CE School; Forest of Galtres  
School; Huby CE Primary School; Husthwaite CE Primary School; St Peters CE School  
(Brafferton); Sutton-on-the-Forest CE School

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Ikwerre, The Church of Nigeria

**Weds 4 Calendar of Saints: Birinus, bishop, 650**

**Pray for:** Bishop of Hull, Eleanor Sanderson

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Ikwo, The Church of Nigeria

**Thurs 5 Pray for:** St Peter, Burton Pidsea; St Lawrence, Elsternwick; All Saints, Halsham; St Peter  
Humbleton; St Mary, Thorngumbald

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Ikwuano, The Church of Nigeria

**Fri 6 Calendar of Saints: Allen Gardiner, missionary, founder of the South American Mission  
Society, 1851**

**Pray for:** All Saints, Easington; St Nicholas, Keyingham; St Wilfrid, Ottringham;  
St Patrick, Patrington; St Mary, Welwick; St Germain, Winestead

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Ilaje, The Church of Nigeria

**Sat 7 Pray for:** St Augustine, Hedon; St Andrew and St Mary, Paull; All Saints, Preston;  
St Swithin, Sproatley

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Ile-Oluji, The Church of Nigeria



## Global-Majority Heritage and UK Minority Ethnic clergy gather at Bishopthorpe

*Archbishop Stephen recently welcomed clergy, ordinands and church leaders of global-majority heritage or UK minority-ethnic from the Northern Province of the Church of England to Bishopthorpe Palace for a day of celebration, conversation, and worship.*

The event was organised and delivered by the Rt Revd Smitha Prasadam, Bishop of Huddersfield, and the Rt Revd Arun Arora, Bishop of Kirkstall. During the day, Archbishop Stephen gave an address on 'The Theology of Diversity' and said: "Gathered here, we can look around and discover that we belong to one another. We are one humanity. We can also receive the help, guidance and friendship we need. Our meeting here is part of our ongoing commitment to celebrate the calling that God has put on each of our lives, to listen and learn from our experiences and together begin to shape the Church I believe God wants us to be. Thank you for all you do to bring the life of the church and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in the communities where you live and serve".

The Revd Rob Suekarran, Associate Vicar at Hull Minster, comments on the day, "What an amazing privilege it was to be part of the Northern Global Majority Heritage and

UKME Clergy and Ordinands Gathering at Bishopthorpe Palace. This was a truly momentous and historic day, as it was the first time that any such gathering has occurred, which is both a cause for celebration and lament.

"The day began with Morning Prayer which reflected the vibrancy and diversity of those gathered, with vibrant, heartfelt, sung worship and liturgy which reflected our diversity. The chapel was bouncing! This was followed by group discussions centred around a video made by a rapper, expertly facilitated by Bishop Smitha, which led to helpful (but painful) reflection on some of the issues faced by GMH people and clergy in our churches.

"Archbishop Stephen, Bishop Arun, and others, shared some helpful (and at times shocking) stories of their experiences within the church. It turns out that Bishop Arun constantly gets confused for being a taxi driver. I wonder why that is? I was so moved by our time together that I cried on the way back to my car (luckily, I had to leave a little early so it was a little less embarrassing), such was the magnitude of the day and all that it represented, both personally for me, but also for my brothers and sisters in Christ, and for the church."

**Church of England:**

Diocese of Salisbury, Bishop Stephen Lake,  
Bishop Andrew Rumsey, Bishop Karen Gorham

**Church in Wales:**

Diocese of St Asaph, Bishop Gregory Cameron

**The Church Men's Society,  
ACSA**

**Porvoo Communion**

**South Africa Diocesan Link**

**Sun 8 The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
also **Accession of King Charles III in 2022, Racial Justice and Education Sundays**  
O God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church  
in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent  
in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you,  
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service, in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Anglican Communion:** The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

**Mon 9 Calendar of Saints: Charles Fuge Lowder, priest, 1880**  
**Pray for:** Fairtrade Fortnight begins  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Ilesa, The Church of Nigeria

**Tues 10 Pray for:** St Michael, Garton in Holderness; St Margaret, Hilston; St Nicholas, Hollym;  
St Nicholas, Holmpton; All Saints, Roos; All Saints, Tunstall; St Matthew, Withernsea  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Ilesa South West, The Church of Nigeria

**Weds 11 Pray for:** Schools within the South Holderness Deanery; Easington CE Primary School;  
Patrington CE Primary School; Roos CE Primary School; Sproatley Endowed CE School  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of North East India, The Church of India (United)

**Thurs 12 Pray for:** Archdeacon of York, Sam Rushton  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Northern Indiana, The Episcopal Church

**Fri 13 Calendar of Saints: John Chrysostom, bishop, teacher of the faith, 407**  
**Pray for:** Chaplaincy of HMP/YOI Askham Grange  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Indianapolis, The Episcopal Church

**Sat 14 Calendar of Saints: Holy Cross Day**  
**Pray for:** Annual service celebrating Lay Ministries at York Minster; Licensed Lay  
Ministers (LLMs) and Authorised Lay Ministers (ALMs)  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Inhambane, Igreja Anglicana de  
Mocambique e Angola



## Derwent gets muddy planting new trees

Earlier in the spring, local school children came together to help The Revd Jackie Doyle-Brett, Area Dean of Derwent, plant new trees in the grounds of the church.

Jackie writes,

“Forest Church and Muddy Church are national church initiatives to help people connect to God through the natural world. Many people around us find that their most profoundly spiritual moments are when they are outdoors, in nature. Muddy Church is a place for people to gather outdoors and to connect with the space and God.

“We at St Michaels and All Angels Sutton upon Derwent have been blessed recently with some great volunteer work to create a woodland church area for use by children and adults. By necessity we needed to remove some trees and the woodland area was created by using the felled trees to create the new landscape. It is hoped that as this area matures it will provide a haven of quiet contemplation but also a place for children to explore the biodiversity of God’s creation and connect to God through nature.

“Recently I invited the school to join us to plant trees donated by the Woodland Trust for our woodland church area. It was a very cold (but dry!) March morning and the children were very keen to get digging and planting. They worked in pairs – one to dig and one to plant. I explained that sometimes trees need to be removed but it was very important that we replaced them. We talked about how they were helping the environment and how God asked us to look after the wonderful gift of creation. We also talked about our two new 5 star ‘bug hotels’! This project is very much part of the Treasure mark of mission and how we can contribute to looking after our world.

“We hosted an outdoor service on Sunday the 30th of June at 4pm where we were able to use the woodland church space for our children’s activity for the first time!”





Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark:

Diocese of Ribe, Bishop Elof Westergaard

Church of England:

Diocese of Bath and Wells, Bishop Michael Beasley, Bishop Ruth Worsley

Archdeaconry of Helderberg,

Diocese of False Bay

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

**Sun 15 The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Anglican Communion:** The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

**Mon 16 Calendar of Saints: Ninian, bishop, apostle of the Picts, c432; Edward Bouverie Pusey, priest, 1882**

**Pray for:** Holy Trinity, Acaster Malbis; St John, Acaster Selby; All Saints, Appleton Roebuck; St Andrew, Bishopthorpe

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Iowa, The Episcopal Church

**Tues 17 Calendar of Saints: Hildegard, abbess, visionary, 1179**

**Pray for:** St Nicholas, Askham Bryan; All Saints, Bolton Percy; St Paul, Colton; St Giles, Copmanthorpe

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Iran, The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East

**Weds 18 Pray for: St Mary the Virgin, Boston Spa; All Saints, Bramham; All Saints, Thorp Arch; St Peter Walton**

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Irele Ese-Odo, The Church of Nigeria

**Thurs 19 Calendar of Saints: Theodore, archbishop, 690**

**Pray for:** St Luke, Clifford

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Isi Mbano, The Church of Nigeria

**Fri 20 Calendar of Saints: John Coleridge Patteson, bishop, and companions, martyrs, 1871**

**Pray for:** St Mary, Askham Richard; St James, Bilbrough; All Saints, Long Marston; All Saints, Rufforth; The Epiphany, Tockwith

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Isiala Ngwa, The Church of Nigeria

**Sat 21 Calendar of Saints: Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

**Pray for:** St Helen, Bilton; St John the Baptist, Healaugh; St John the Baptist, Hessay; All Saints, Monkton Moor; All Saints, Wighill

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Isiala Ngwa South, The Church of Nigeria



# Pastoral Letter



***A Pastoral Letter from the Dean of York,  
The Very Revd Dominic Barrington.***

September is very much a time of new beginnings. Young children get ready for their first day at school, and another generation of undergraduates embark on life at college or university. When I worked in the Episcopal Church in the US, it was common to speak of the new ‘program year’ (sic!), and even though such language is less common in the C of E, there is a sense of people returning to the pews after time away on holiday. And this year, a new government and House of Commons will be settling in to the many tasks it faces after the summer parliamentary recess.

Our journey with Jesus this September is also one which demands us to regroup and focus anew on his call to us, both as individuals and as communities. On the five Sundays this month contains, the gospel readings we will hear in church come from the middle of Mark, and each passage is one which demands some kind of fresh start. Jesus demands a re-evaluation of traditions taken for granted; a widening of our view about inclusivity; a new approach to losing and saving one’s life; a new perspective on what it means to be great.

I hope that as this month unfolds for you and that part of the Body of Christ to which you belong, you will be reinvigorated as you hear anew Jesus’ call to discipleship, and that, across this diocese we might be find ever more wonderful ways to Live Christ’s Story.

**Church of England:**

Diocese of Sheffield, Bishop Pete Wilcox, Bishop Sophie Jelley

**Church of Greenland:**

(Diocese of Greenland within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark) Bishop Paneeraq Siegstad Munk

Archdeaconry of Ibongulethu,

Diocese of Cape Town

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

**Sun 22 The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life:  
deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties  
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Also Peace Sunday*

**Anglican Communion:** The Church of North India (United)

**Mon 23 Pray for:** St Mary, Church Fenton; St John the Baptist, Kirkby Wharfe; St Andrew, Newton Kyme; St Mary, Tadcaster

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Isikwuato/Umunneochi, The Church of Nigeria

**Tues 24 Pray for:** Schools within the New Ainsty Deanery; Archbishop of York CE School; Boston Spa CE Primary School; Kirk Fenton Parochial CE School; Lady Elizabeth Hastings CE School Thorp Arch; Long Marston CE Primary School; St Marys CE Primary School; Tockwith CE Primary School

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Western Izon, The Church of Nigeria

**Weds 25 Calendar of Saints:** Lancelot Andrewes, bishop, spiritual writer, 1626; Sergei of Rodonezh, monastic reformer, teacher of the faith, 1392

**Pray for:** St Michael, Bempton; St Oswald, Flamborough; St Peter, Reighton; St Leonard, Speeton

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Jabalpur, The Church of North India (United)

**Thurs 26 Calendar of Saints:** Wilson Carlile, founder of the Church Army, 1942

**Pray for:** St Magnus, Bessingby; St Mark, Bessingby; Christ Church, Bridlington Quay; St Andrew, Ulrome

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Jaffna, The Church of South India (United)

**Fri 27 Calendar of Saints:** Vincent de Paul, founder of the Lazarists, 1660

**Pray for:** Holy Trinity, Bridlington; St John Sewerby

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Jalingo, The Church of Nigeria

**Sat 28 Pray for:** St Mary, Bridlington (Bridlington Priory Church)

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Jamaica and The Cayman Islands, The Church in the Province of the West Indies



## The Diocese of York Celebrates Generosity Week 2024

*Jan Grey, Generous Giving Adviser for the Diocese of York, highlights reasons why marking Generosity Week during the season of harvest is a perfect time of year.*

This year's Generosity Week runs from 29th September to 6th October. It spans two Sundays; one to consider how much God abundantly and freely gives us, and the other to consider our response to that generosity.

When we consider the work of farmers and farm workers, and the planned annual sowing and reaping, it is a beautiful analogy of how annual planned events reap such rewards. God has created nature to work in such a mutual way that each element benefits the other. So it is with us - we each have skills, interests, experience, energy and resources to offer that can create communities that are transformed in positive and life-giving ways.

There is a wealth of free resources and ideas for church leaders and their communities on the Church of England's website, and additional

resources on the Diocese of York's website. The latter includes a series of short videos, using a set of themes for each day, loosely following the pattern of themes in the Generosity Week Morning Prayer series, to help us reflect on different aspects of generous giving.

Generosity Week coincides with Harvest, but as we are called to be generous 365 days a year, we can plan a set time when we know our communities would respond best. The Generous Giving team are here for support and advice, please be in touch.

Eternal God,  
you crown the year with your goodness  
and you give us the fruits of the earth  
in their season:  
grant that we may use them  
to your glory,  
for the relief of those in need  
and for our own well-being;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Church in Wales:**

Diocese of Swansea and Brecon, Bishop John Lomas

**Church of England:**

Diocese of Leicester, Bishop Martyn Snow, Bishop Saju Mathalaly

Archdeaconry of **Table View**,

Diocese of Saldanha Bay

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

**Sun 29 The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity; Michael and All Angels**

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Anglican Communion:** The Church of Pakistan (United)

**Mon 30 Calendar of Saints: Jerome, translator, teacher of the faith, 420**

**Pray for:** All Saints, Barmston; Emmanuel, Bridlington

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Rio de Janeiro, Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

**Tues 1 Calendar of Saints: Remigius, bishop, 533; Anthony Ashley Cooper (Earl of Shaftesbury) social reformer, 1885**

**Pray for:** Black History Month

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Jebba, The Church of Nigeria

**Weds 2 Pray for: St Andrew, Boynton; St Cuthbert, Burton Fleming; St John the Baptist, Carnaby; St James, Fordon; St Nicholas, Grindale; All Saints, Kilham; All Saints, Rudston; All Saints Wold Newton**

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Jerusalem, The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East

**Thurs 3 Calendar of Saints: George Bell, bishop, ecumenist, peacemaker, 1958**

**Pray for:** Schools within Bridlington Deanery; Flamborough CE School; Kilham CE School

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of San Joaquin, The Episcopal Church

**Fri 4 Calendar of Saints: Francis of Assisi, friar, deacon 1226**

**Pray for:** Diocese of Blackburn; Blackburn Cathedral

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Johannesburg, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

**Sat 5 Pray for: York School of Ministry**

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Jos, The Church of Nigeria



## About the Prayer Diary

### **How to use this Prayer Dairy**

This Prayer Diary is for everyone across the Diocese of York. You are welcome to use it in whatever way suits you best - as a personal pattern of prayer, as part of your church community or prayer group, within Intercessions, or through storytelling and social media. We'd love to hear how you use this prayer diary - do get in touch if there's any feedback you'd like to share!

### **Praying for the Whole People of God**

In our Prayer Diary, we pray each day for churches, schools and other communities across our diocese. When we do this, we pray for the whole people of God in that place - all those who lead and serve, those who worship, and those in the wider community.

### **Diocesan South African Link**

The Diocese of York is twinned with three Dioceses in South Africa - Cape Town, False Bay and Saldanha Bay. The Diocese of Saldanha Bay is linked with the Archdeaconry of York, False Bay with the Archdeaconry of Cleveland, and the Diocese of Cape Town with the Archdeaconry of East Riding. The purpose of the link is to encourage one another, in a mutual concern to help each other in our mission to make Christ's love known. We are committing to pray for communities in South Africa each week in our Diocesan Prayer Diary.

### **Porvoo Communion**

The Porvoo Communion is a communion of 15 Anglican and Evangelical Lutheran churches in Europe. The communion was established in 1992 by a theological agreement entitled the Porvoo Common Statement which establishes full communion between and among these churches. The Porvoo Declaration commits the churches which have signed it 'to share a common life' and 'to pray for and with one another'. An important way of doing this is to pray through the year for the Porvoo churches and their Dioceses.

Find out more at [porvoocommunion.org](http://porvoocommunion.org)

## Anglican Communion

The Anglican Communion is a family of 42 autonomous and independent-yet-interdependent national, pan-national and regional churches in communion with the see of Canterbury. Through the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, Anglicans around the world have been united in praying on the same day for the same dioceses. Day by day, Monday to Saturday, we join in prayer for particular dioceses. And on Sundays, we pray mainly for provinces - and occasionally for other specific prayer biddings.

Find out more at [anglicancommunion.org](http://anglicancommunion.org).

## Ember Days

An Ember Day is a day on which we pray for those who serve the Church in its various ministries, both ordained and lay, and for vocations.

## Praying for Children and Young People

The Church of England invites everyone to join a weekly twenty-minute online prayer gathering for doubling the number of children and young active disciples in the Church of England by 2030. The weekly Zoom prayer gathers every Tuesday for 20 mins from 13:00-13:20 GMT. It isn't primarily about numbers – it's about young lives being won and shaped by the goodness, beauty and truth of Jesus.

Find out more and join the prayer:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/children-and-young-people/praying-doubling-number-children-and-young-active-disciples-church>



## Stories

The news pages in this prayer diary celebrate how we are Living Christ's Story across our diocesan family, and are there to help us to pray for and with one another. If you have any stories you'd like to share for future editions of the Prayer Diary, please contact our Diocesan Discipleship Adviser on [sammi.tooze@yorkdiocese.org](mailto:sammi.tooze@yorkdiocese.org).

## Useful Links

Archbishop of York: [archbishopofyork.org](http://archbishopofyork.org)

The Church of England: [churchofengland.org](http://churchofengland.org)

## Contact

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