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Children's Ministry at St Olave's

Clare Steele-King reflects on children's ministry at St Olave's Church, York.

When my husband and I first arrived at St Olave's Church, Marygate, York in 1999, I was pregnant with our first child, and we were welcomed into a church where children had their own young church activities during the Sunday Eucharist, as well as a few other events during the year. The number of children was large enough for vibrant activity sessions with crafts and music, but small enough that the children were fully integrated into the St Olave's family, and nurtured by the rest of the congregation. St Olave's is a special place for such cross-generational friendships, rooted in a love of God, and we still credit the positive impact of that on our own now grown-up family.

As children graduated from the young church activities, they would often segue into ministries in the church, perhaps as servers or choristers. Today, we are blessed to still have a strong serving team as well as a wonderfully accomplished choir, which includes many of our younger members and continues to be a means of outreach at St Olave's. In contrast, our young church, already depleted in number because of a changing demographic, failed to survive the lockdowns of the pandemic and didn't return.

However, church communities are rarely static, and now, in 2025, we have three young children in our congregation and last autumn we gently relaunched our young church. Our "Roots Group" offers activities on the first and third Sundays of the month as part of the Sunday Eucharist. Sometimes we have one child attending, often two, once we had all three, but the number is less significant than the fun that is had and the time with God that is shared.

On Maundy Thursday, we hosted an Easter Crafts morning that was open to all primary school age children within the parish and beyond. On first thought, perhaps three children attending might not be considered a roaring success, but three children enjoying the church space and interacting positively with the Easter story through crafts and marshmallow-sheep biscuits is, I believe, a blessed starting point from which to grow.

Gracious God,
we give thanks for all ministry with children across the Diocese of York, and for all children in their creativity and sense of enquiry.
Give us strength to encourage, that their imaginations might be opened wide through faith in you, joyfully being the Church of today.

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

Anglican Youth of Southern Africa (AYSA)

AYSA is administered and coordinated by the Provincial Youth Council (PYC) who ensures that there is a vibrant and effective youth ministry in each Diocese.

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South Africa Diocesan Link

Sun 6 The Third Sunday after Trinity

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Anglican Communion: The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Mon 7 Pray for: St Ricarius, Aberford; St James, Lotherton; St Mary, Micklefield

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Nebraska – The Episcopal Church

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

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Nelson – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

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

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Nevada – The Episcopal Church

Thurs 10 **Calendar of Saints: Benedict, abbot, c550**

Pray for: All Saints, Cawood; All Saints, Ryther; All Saints, Wistow
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of New Bussa – The Church of Nigeria

Fri 11 Pray for: General Synod commences meeting in York until Tuesday 15th

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of New Guinea Islands – The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

Sat 12 Pray for: St Mary, Birkin; St John the Baptist, Haddlesey; St Mary, Hambleton

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of New Hampshire – The Episcopal Church



Celebrating Eco Church Gold for Aislaby

A rare Eco Church Gold Award has been won by St Margaret's Church, Aislaby (near Whitby) in recognition of the parish's efforts to care for God's earth.

Eco Church is a learning community of churches, run by A Rocha UK, a Christian charity working to protect and restore the natural world and committed to equipping Christians and churches in the UK to care for the environment.

St Margaret's is at the edge of the North York Moors National Park and the churchyard is a haven for wildlife and a place where people can find peace and quiet.

Churches working towards the three levels of Eco Church award – bronze, silver and gold, complete an online survey to see which award level they can achieve. The idea is to complete actions in order to achieve the points necessary for an initial award, followed by further actions to achieve the next one.

In June last year A Rocha announced the fiftieth Eco Church Gold Award in England and Wales, so St Margaret's award remains a rare and coveted prize.

Jane Macfarlane of St Margaret's Eco-church Team explains, "We believe we are the first church in the Diocese of York to achieve the Gold Eco Church Award and are very excited about it.

"As well as looking after the land, the church cares for the other aspects of the award criteria: Worship, Management of Buildings, Community and Global Engagement and Lifestyle.

"We are Carbon Neutral by offsetting our carbon footprint in donations to Climate Stewards, but we aim to make this a reality in the future."

Bishop of Whitby Barry Hill has congratulated St Margaret's on their achievement: "I know from experience how much hard work and vision it takes to reach such a milestone. I appreciate you haven't worked towards a Gold Award in order to achieve a plaque as the ultimate goal, but rather it comes in recognition of your Christian commitment to know and show how God's wonder and awe is writ large through all God has made and nurtured. '...and it was good!'"

Visit the A Rocha UK website (ecochurch.arocha.org.uk) to find out how you can become involved.

Diocese of Newcastle:
Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley, Bishop Mark Wroe
Church of Norway:
Diocese of Møre, Bishop Ingeborg Midttømme

Archdeaconry of Breede Valley;
Diocese of False Bay

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

- Sun 13** **The Fourth Sunday after Trinity, also Sea Sunday and Disability Awareness Day**
Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
- Mon 14** **Calendar of Saints: John Keble, priest, poet, 1866**
Pray for: St James, Fairburn; All Saints, Ledsham
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of New Jersey – The Episcopal Church
- Tues 15** **Calendar of Saints: Swithun, bishop, c862; Bonaventure, friar, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1274**
Pray for: The Bishop of Beverley
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of New Westminster – The Anglican Church of Canada
- Weds 16** **Calendar of Saints: Osmund, bishop, 1099**
Pray for: St Wilfrid of Ripon, Monk Fryston; St Mary, South Milford
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Central New York – The Episcopal Church
- Thurs 17** **Pray for:** St Thomas a Becket Chapel, Ledston Hall
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Newala – The Anglican Church of Tanzania
- Fri 18** **Calendar of Saints: Elizabeth Ferard, deaconess, founder of the Community of St Andrew, 1883**
Pray for: St James, Selby
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Newark – The Episcopal Church
- Sat 19** **Calendar of Saints: Gregory, bishop and his sister Macrina, deaconess, teachers of the faith, c394 and c379**
Pray for: St Mary and St Germain, (Selby Abbey), Selby; also the diocesan pilgrimage to Taizé travelling today
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Newcastle (Australia) – The Anglican Church of Australia

Pastoral Letter



A Pastoral Letter from The Rt Rev'd Barry Hill, Bishop of Whitby.

'There is a time for everything' writes the author of Ecclesiastes. Humans are designed for rhythm: breathing, the thud-thud of our hearts, day and night, seasons, sabbath and the church's year. Most of us live by rhythm and often it is when we depart from rhythms and their related habits that life can come off the rails.

'What is the good news of God for those I spend time with?' is an important question for to regularly consider. There are many answers (identity, life, freedom, joy, purpose, forgiveness, hope, love, salvation...) but, in a society often consumed by a 'more, bigger, faster' philosophy, living Christ's story brings the offer of a healthier rhythm to life. In a world beset by overwork and stress, the gift of a wider perspective than the next deadline and an identity not first about we do, but what God has done for us, is good news to know and point others to.

As summer may bring a more rest for some of us, it might be helpful to see rest as a simple 2 by 2 grid, with passive and active rest on one axis and low octane and high octane on the other. Exhaustion can push us to passive, low octane rest, the kind of numbing that can watch hours of Netflix or have a drink or two too many. Sometimes this can flip to the sugar, caffeine or cortisol spikes of the active low octane.

Both of these boxes can have their place, but if they become the only or normative rest it is unlikely we will know the kind of sabbath for which we're made. I wonder we are called to chose what, at first, can be harder and find restoration more purposefully, the path that leads to rest being the fuel for life, rather than the escape from too work? As Christians rest has at its heart a restoration with the people God has made us and saved us to be - a postcard of the ultimate sabbath. Whatever rest is possible for you, I pray you may know glimpses of the rest for which we are made.

*+Barry Hill
Bishop of Whitby*

Church of Sweden:

Diocese of Skara, Bishop Ulrica Fritzson

Church of England:

Diocese of Leeds, Bishop Nick Baines, Bishop Malcolm Chamberlain, Bishop Ann Eltringham, Bishop Toby Howarth, Bishop Smitha Prasad, Bishop Arun Arora

Growing the Church (GtC)

GtC is a church growth institute that serves the Anglican Church of Southern Africa (ACSA), which includes seven countries and 25 dioceses

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Sun 20 The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Anglican Communion: The Church of Pakistan (United)

Mon 21 Pray for: Holy Trinity, Barkston Ash; All Saints, Saxton; All Saints, Sherburn in Elmet

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Newcastle (England) – The Church of England

Tues 22 Calendar of Saints: Mary Magdalene

Pray for: Schools within the Selby Deanery; Aberford CE Primary School; Barlow CE School; Brayton CE Primary School; Cawood CE School; Chapel Haddlesey CE School; Hambleton CE Primary School; Lady E. Hastings CE School, Ledston; Micklefield CE Primary School; Monk Fryston CE Primary School; Saxton CE Primary School; Selby Abbey CE Primary School; Wistow Parochial CE School

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Mbashe, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Weds 23 Calendar of Saints: Bridget, abbess, 1373

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

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Central Newfoundland – The Anglican Church of Canada

Thurs 24 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 Western Newfoundland – The Anglican Church of Canada

Fri 25 Calendar of Saints: James the Apostle

Pray for: Diocese of Carlisle, Carlisle Cathedral

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Ngbo – The Church of Nigeria

Sat 26 Calendar of Saints: Anne and Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Pray for: St Mark, Anlaby Common; St Peter, Anlaby

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Niagara – The Anglican Church of Canada



Being ever ripe for the harvest

Mona-Karina Theodosius, Diocesan Adviser in Pastoral Care, reflects on her first few months in post and shares her vision for wellbeing across our family of churches.

Since beginning in January as Diocesan Adviser in Pastoral Care, I have gone on a journey both geographically and in terms of my understanding of the life of the Church of England in the Diocese of York. With an office base in York, working also from home (in the foreign climes of the Diocese of Leeds), I've been finding myself frequently driving along previously unexplored (by me) highways and byways to visit Chapter meetings, lovely Wydale Hall, our various wonderful minsters and churches, to join in with events, offer support and have very many different types of conversations.

I have found myself beginning to map a complex, challenging, but committed and determined territory. It is a diverse picture of resource and under resource, of encouragement and at times discouragement, of personal, relational and institutional energy and fatigue. It is in fact, a very human picture of people striving to work together for the common good. The difference is of course that this is the church, our church, the church of our forefathers and mothers who have across the centuries, spoken of God's love for all people through our creeds and liturgy, faithfully

proclaiming in myriad different ways, The Good News of Jesus Christ. The Diocese of York, it seems to me in my brief but fairly immersive experience to date, reflects the broad church that remains both the gift and the burden of the Church of England and it is a genuine privilege to be able to join in with its vision to live Christ's story.

I hope that as time goes on I will continue able to meet many more people offering service within the Diocese and better understand how my role along with my Diocesan team colleagues, can best serve the work in the field which we have faith, is ever ripe for harvest.

Please pray for me as I will for you that we, in the words of Paul to the Ephesians, "being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ".

Ephesians 3:17-18

Pray for Mo, as she continues to settle into her role, and for the wellbeing of our whole diocesan family.

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania:

Bishop Mindaugas Sabutis

Church of Ireland:

Diocese of Derry and Raphoe:

Bishop Andrew Forster

Archdeaconry of Athlone,

Diocese of Cape Town

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

Sun 27 **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 Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

Mon 28 **Pray for:** St Phillip, Bilton Grange, St Peter, Bilton

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Niassa – Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

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

Pray for: St John, Bransholme

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Nicaragua – Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

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

Pray for: St Mary, Cottingham

Anglican Communion: The Diocese on the Niger – The Church of Nigeria

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

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

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Niger Delta – The Church of Nigeria

Fri 1 **Pray for:** St Columba, Drypool, St John, Drypool, Victoria Dock, Drypool

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Niger Delta North – The Church of Nigeria

Sat 2 **Pray for:** All Saints, Hessele

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Niger Delta West – The Church of Nigeria



York Churches in Bumper Funding Joy

Eighteen places of worship are celebrating this month after receiving over £95,000 from the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust (YHCT).

The YHCT is a charity whose objective is to help churches in Yorkshire by offering grants for conservation, repairs and maintenance. Through fundraising, donations and membership, the Trust distributes funding to churches and chapels from all Christian denominations of any age in need of financial assistance to preserve and repair their church. Funding has been awarded to places of worship from Sheffield to Hawes and Bridlington to Birkby and includes Anglican, Catholic, United Reformed Churches as well as a City Church, part of the Christ Central group of churches.

One of the churches receiving funding is St Martin's in Bulmer. The YHCT were delighted to award £9,000 towards repairs to the 14th century tower. This Grade I listed church has great historical significance, housing the head of a Saxon wheel-cross and an effigy of John de Bulmer, who died in the 1270s. His descendent Sir John Bulmer, and his wife, were involved in the Pilgrimage of Grace. The church receives many visitors, and the members of the community are setting up a local history group to create an in-church 'Info point/touchscreen'.

£6,000 was also awarded to All Saints and St James at Nunnington, nestled in the stunning Howardian Hills. Originally dating back to 12th century, this church still houses the altar from 1672 and its original oak door, with mediaeval fleur-de-lys hinges.

The YHCT were delighted to help towards the cost of replacing 4 frosted glass nave windows with clear-glazed square panels with red-coloured borders, to replicate the originals housed in the church before restoration works took place in 1883. The replacement windows will hugely enhance the quality and clarity of light into what is a much loved church, actively looked after by the wider community and open every day to visitors.

The Revd Canon Sue Binks, Vicar at All Saints and St James said: "All Saints and St James Parish Church is cherished by the whole community and holds great meaning for the village; the Church walls are soaked in centuries of prayer and it is such a beautiful place of serenity and beauty to mark the glad and sad happenings of life both individually and corporately".

Church of England:

Diocese of Bristol, Bishop Vivienne Faull, Bishop Neil Warwick

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland:

Diocese of Helsinki, Bishop Teemu Laajasalo

Anglican Church of Southern Africa (ACSA) St

Mary Magdalene Guild Executive.

Named in honour of St. Mary Magdalene, the guild focuses on empowering women and fostering a strong sense of community

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Sun 3 The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Anglican Communion: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Mon 4 **Calendar of Saints: Jean-Baptiste Vianney, curé d'Ars, spiritual guide, 1859**

Pray for: Hull Minster

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Niger West – The Church of Nigeria

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

Pray for: St Cuthbert, Hull

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Nike – The Church of Nigeria

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

Pray for: St John, Newland

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Nimule – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

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

Pray for: St Martin, Hull

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Nnewi – The Church of Nigeria

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

Pray for: St Mary, Lowgate, Hull

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Northern Izon – The Church of Nigeria

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

Pray for: Mothers' Union, Mary Sumner Day

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of the Northern Territory – The Anglican Church of Australia



Racial Justice Advocates attend Windrush Conference

Yvonne Bowling, Co-Chair of the Diocesan Racial Justice Advocates Group, recently attended a conference organised by the Windrush National Organisation. The conference brought together stakeholders, representatives from the Home Office and faith leaders to look at the Windrush Compensation Scheme. The scheme, which is operated by the Home Office is meant to compensate those whose lives have been impacted by the Windrush Scandal.

Delegates heard how the Home Office's historic immigration policy, where race had been a significant factor, had put many families through years, and in some cases, decades of misery – broken families, shattered careers as well as being denied access to healthcare. Meanwhile those who were wrongly deported or detained say the way they have been mistreated is unforgivable. This has resulted in a deep lack of trust between the affected communities and the Home Office.

Yvonne reflects: "What the Windrush National Organisation is doing is incredible. Maybe they could visit the Diocese of York in the future. It would be an important step forward in our work for them to see what we are doing. At the conference we heard a damning indictment of

past Home Office immigration policy. Many Caribbean migrants have lost faith and fear the UK immigration system.

"It is my impression that there is a major change of heart within the Home Office which they plan to convert into action and rebuild trust in the damaged community, working with partners such as the Diocese of York. I have been liaising with members of the Home Office team and listening to them put in place new plans. I see change coming from the Home Office; they are also looking at ways of speeding up the compensation scheme".

The Racial Justice Advocates Group was set up to following the landmark 2021 report From Lament to Action on tackling racism within the Church of England. A team of Racial Justice Advocates work across the Diocese of York. They have published a Racial Justice Charter and supported the roll out of Racism and Unconscious Bias training for clergy, staff and laity across the diocese.

To read the Diocese of York's Racial Justice Charter, please visit:

www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/racial-justice

Church of England:

Diocese of Portsmouth, Bishop Jonathan Frost

Bishop of Saldanha Bay,

Bishop Raphael Hess

Church of Sweden:

Diocese of Stockholm, Bishop Andreas Holmberg

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

Sun 10 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: Eglise Anglicane de Rwanda

Mon 11 **Calendar of Saints:** Clare of Assisi, founder of the Poor Clares, 1253; John Henry Newman, priest, 1890

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

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Norwich – The Church of England

Tues 12 **Pray for:** St Michael and All Angels, North Hull

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island – The Anglican Church of Canada

Weds 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 Aidan, Southcoates, Kingston upon Hull

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Nsukka – The Church of Nigeria

Thurs 14 **Calendar of Saints:** Maximillian Kolbe, friar, martyr, 1941

Pray for: St Alban, Kingston upon Hull

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Nyahururu – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Fri 15 **Calendar of Saints:** The Blessed Virgin Mary

Pray for: St Nicholas, Kingston upon Hull;

also 80th Commemoration of VJ Day ending WW2 in the Far East

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Nyamlel – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Sat 16 **Pray for:** St Michael, Sutton, St Margaret, Longhill

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Nyang – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan



Pastoral Letter



A Pastoral Letter from The Rt Rev'd Eleanor Sanderson, Bishop of Hull.

Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15.4-5).

August is often a time of rest and play. Whether it be the exuberance of school holidays or the quieter pace of some work, this is often a time when people seek to find relaxation and rest more than at other times of the year. Play can be an important type of rest. So, if our home life this month is full of the vibrancy of children and grandchildren, we can embrace this time with a heart of thankful and restful joy, as well as being honest about our corresponding energy levels!

Jesus asks us to abide in him. This is an invitation to rest in him, because he is our source of life. As the branches of a vine only have life and energy because they abide in the vine, so does our source of life come from Christ. God's aliveness means that God's love and power is eternally present to our lives in creating, redeeming and life-giving ways; these are the signs of Christ's fruitfulness in us.

The spiritual pattern of rest helps us to live in greater understanding of God's aliveness to us and with us. For example, the weekly discipline of sabbath reminds us that it is God's world and not our own. Daily and annual patterns of rest are also important. Through choosing to rest we embrace our human limitations in humility and honesty. We give thanks for God's abundance. We learn to seek the fruit of God's life in us.

Rest is one of our core spiritual patterns in our Rhythm of Life. May this month be a time when we all explore how to enter the spiritual grace of rest. May we do so thankfully and creatively and, as a consequence, grow in the love and trust of Jesus, who is our true vine.

*+Eleanor Sanderson
Bishop of Hull*

Church of Ireland:

Diocese of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh,

Bishop Ferran Glenfield

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark:

Diocese of Aarhus, Bishop Henrik Wigh-Poulsen

College of the Transfiguration.

Theological College located in Grahamstown.

It is a college that serves the Anglican Church of Southern Africa made up of the following countries: South Africa, Namibia, Lesotho, Swaziland, Mozambique, Angola and the Island of St Helena

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Sun 17 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 Scottish Episcopal Church

Mon 18 Pray for: St Andrew, Kirk Ella, St Luke, Willerby

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Southern Nyanza – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Tues 19 Pray for: St Giles, Marfleet, St Hilda, Marfleet

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Nzara – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Weds 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 John the Baptist, Newington

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Del Occidental – La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

Thurs 21 Pray for: All Saints, Ferriby

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Offa – The Church of Nigeria

Fri 22 Pray for: Victims of violence based on religion (UN designated day)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Ogbaru – The Church of Nigeria

Sat 23 Pray for: St Andrew, Sutton Park, St Peter, Wawne

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Ogbia – The Church of Nigeria



From inclusion to belonging

Over one hundred people came to the launch of an exhibition called 'From Inclusion to Belonging' at Hull Minster, organised by Mustard Seed Community Minister Ann Wilkinson.

Ann completed Stepping Up in 2023 and knew that she wanted to use her own lived experience of autism, and her years of experience of working with people with different learning abilities to serve God. Ann's vision was for the church to be a safe, loving and welcoming community where people with different learning abilities and/or neurodiversity can find a place to belong.

Ann reflects: "We often say everyone is welcome in our churches, yet to enable people to feel that they truly belong in a supportive and loving community takes time, commitment and sometimes thinking 'outside the box.' We have seen the people that come into our church as individuals, with their own unique needs, strengths, and gifts and we have put in place things in a way that responds to each person.

"We are all 'fearfully and wonderfully made' (Psalm 139.13-14). We all have a place in church, no matter how we see or feel the world. Sometimes we need to see or feel

church differently, and that's what makes this world the colourful and wonderful place that God made it.

"Over the past year, we have been working with students on placement from Northcott 6th Form College, to give them work experience. It is very difficult for young adults with additional needs to be given these opportunities, and we have proven that with just a few reasonable adjustments they flourish, grow, and mature in a supportive and loving environment. We now have a growing number of people with different learning abilities and/or neurodiversity within the volunteer team.

"In our Thursday Welcome Café, we have made lots of new friends from Active Day Care, CASE and Same Difference. We've set up a Sensory Tent to enable people to go somewhere quieter when they need to be away from the busyness of the cafe. Our friends from Active Day Care entertained us at Christmas with songs from 'The Greatest Showman' and our friends from CASE often visit and entertain us with singing and dancing. They are full of joy and happiness and it's wonderful to see it spreading over everyone who watches them."

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

St George's Cathedral,
Cape Town

Scottish Episcopal Church:
Diocese of Edinburgh, Bishop John Armes

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

Sun 24

The Tenth Sunday after Trinity and Bartholomew the Apostle

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 Church of the Province of South East Asia

Mon 25

Pray for: St James, Sutton

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Ogbomoso – The Church of Nigeria

Tues 26

Pray for: St Barnabas, Swanland

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Ogoni – The Church of Nigeria

Weds 27

Calendar of Saints: Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

Pray for: Schools within the Hull Deanery; Alderman Cogan's CE School; Archbishop Sentamu 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 Andrew CE Primary School; St James CE Primary School; The Hull Charterhouse

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Ogorimagongo – The Church of Nigeria

Thurs 28

Calendar of Saints: Augustine, bishop, teacher of the faith, 430

Pray for: St Stephen, Aldwark, St Mary, Alne; St Michael, Tollerton

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Ohaji/Egbema – The Church of Nigeria

Fri 29

Calendar of Saints: Beheading of John the Baptist

Pray for: St Peter, Brafferton, St Mary, Myton-on-Swale, St Mary Magdalene, Thormanby

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Ohio – The Episcopal Church

Sat 30

Calendar of Saints: John Bunyan, spiritual writer, 1688

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 Southern Ohio – The Episcopal Church



Bishop's Boro Big Breakfasts launch

Starting in May 2025, every six months the Bishop of Whitby, who lives in Middlesbrough and serves the town, is hosting a breakfast for 75 community leaders from across different sectors of public life. Based on expressed need, Bishop Barry is using his convening influence to invite leaders for mutual support and encouragement, to share ideas and further develop partnership working. Invitees include those who lead across health, education, civic and political life, the emergency services, local charities, business and faith leaders. The inaugural breakfast was attended by His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for North Yorkshire and the High Sheriff.

The mornings are hosted at Middlesbrough College, whose catering students cook breakfast. With space for relationship building, each breakfast also includes 'The Big Interview' and 'The Big Question'. The interview gives space to hear from a cross section of invitees about what they do and what they are noticing. At the first breakfast Bishop Barry interviewed the Principal of Middlesbrough College and Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Zoe Lewis, Chair of Trustees of Middlesbrough Football Club Foundation and board member of the South Tees Development Corporation, John Baker, Director of MIMA and Dean of Culture and Creativity at Teesside University, Laura Sillars and Co-Founder & CEO of the Rubies Charity, who support girls to see themselves and each other more positively, Liz Edwards.

This is followed by opportunity to discuss a question for the town. For example, the first breakfast focused on how to foster local voices and agency when it can be easy to default to an external funder. These conversations are supported by a range of people from Middlesbrough Deanery who serve as welcomers and hosts. The morning finishes by acknowledging the catering students and a prayer of blessing for the town.

Bishop Barry said, "There is so much good in our town in which to delight, not least the work and witness of the Christian community, but sometimes we can struggle to find our voice. In a context where nine of the hundred financially poorest parishes in the whole CofE are within Middlesbrough, it is easy for communities to feel overlooked and unseen. My hope is that, in a small way, these occasions can help people know God sees them and that by working together we can do so much more than apart."

This is only one example of the hundreds of coffee mornings, crafts groups, bible study groups, choirs, prayer meetings, and building committees that are the day-to-day of a village church. Each connection brings the opportunity to live the reality of Christ amongst our neighbours who know us and whom we know well. The only big numbers we are likely to see in rural ministry are the heating and insurance bills but our rural churches are an open door for all our local residents to find God right where they live.

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland:

Diocese of Turku, Archbishop Tapio Luoma, Bishop Mari Leppänen

Church of England:

Diocese of York, Archbishop Stephen Cottrell, Bishop Barry Hill,
Bishop Flora Winfield, Bishop Eleanor Sanderson, Bishop Stephen Race

Diocese of False Bay Link Officer,
The Revd Canon Sue Binks

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

Sun 31 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 Church of South India (United)

Mon 1 **Calendar of Saints:** Giles, hermit, c710; also Creationtide until 4th October

Pray for: University of York St John; staff, students and chaplaincy

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Oji River – The Church of Nigeria

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

Pray for: St John the Baptist and All Saints, Easingwold, St Mary, Raskelf

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Okene – The Church of Nigeria

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

Prayer for: All Saints, Newton-on-Ouse, Holy Evangelist, Shipton, St Giles, Skelton

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Oke-Ogun – The Church of Nigeria

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

Pray for: St Mary, Strensall

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Oke-Osun – The Church of Nigeria

Fri 5 **Pray for:** St Helen and the Holy Cross, Sheriff Hutton, St Nicholas, Stillington, All Hallows, Sutton-on-the-Forest

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Okigwe – The Church of Nigeria

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

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

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Okigwe South – The Church of Nigeria



York church hosts worship night for students across York

In February, St Michael-le-Belfrey Church in York partnered with The Send to host a special experience night for students from churches across York.

Joe Portway, Student Worker, reflects:

“The goal was simple: to stir up faith, worship, and mission in our lives and communities. Inspired by the global Send movement, which encourages young people to live fully for Jesus and be sent into every part of society.

“We transformed the venue into a space of worship and encounter. Right from the start, there was a sense of real joy at being gathered together across churches, singing loudly, dancing, waving flags and banners. The worship was full-bodied and full-hearted, creating space for freedom, celebration, and a deep awareness of God’s presence.

“After a talk on living boldly for Jesus, we were invited to reflect on where God might be sending us: to our coursemates, to our city, to the nations, or simply to take the next faithful step. One of the most powerful moments came toward the end of the night. After a time of prayer, we were invited to echo Isaiah’s words, “Here I am, send me,” and commit to going wherever God might lead. Over 50

students stepped forward in response. The atmosphere was full of quiet surrender and deep trust, and many of us shared afterwards how strongly we’d encountered God in that moment.

“But the night didn’t end there. As a final step, the majority of students (nearly the whole room) went out into York city centre with the team from The Send to pray for people and share the gospel with those we met. The team told us this level of response was more than they normally see. For many of us, it was our first time doing anything like that, but something shifted. People who had felt timid or unsure found themselves offering prayer, striking up conversations, and discovering that God really can use us, even in simple, surprising ways.

“Since then, it’s helped shape how we think about mission in our student community. We’re seeing a growing culture of everyday courage: students praying more intentionally, talking more openly about faith, and stepping out with love and boldness in their daily lives. Please pray that the seeds planted that night would keep growing, and that we’d continue to be a community marked by worship, faith, and joyful obedience to Jesus.”

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

Archdeaconry of Belville,
Diocese of Saldanha Bay

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

Sun 7 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 Southern Africa

Mon 8 Calendar of Saints: Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Pray for: Accession of King Charles III, 2022; Fairtrade Fortnight begins

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Okinawa – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Tues 9 Calendar of Saints: Charles Fuge Lowder, priest. 1880

Pray for: Bishop of Hull

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Oklahoma – The Episcopal Church

Weds 10 Pray for: St Peter, Pidsea, St Lawrence, Elsternwick, All Saints, Halsham, St Peter, Humbleton, St Mary, Thorngumbald

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Okrika – The Church of Nigeria

Thurs 11 Pray for: All Saints, Easington (ER), St Nicholas, Keyingham, St Wilfrid, Ottringham, St Patrick, Patrington, St Mary, Welwick, St Germain, Winestead

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Oleh – The Church of Nigeria

Fri 12 Pray for: St Augustine, Hedon, St Andrew and St Mary, Paull, All Saints, Preston, St Swithin, Sproatley

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Olo – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Sat 13 Calendar of Saints: John Chrysostom, bishop, teacher of the faith, 407

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 Olympia – The Episcopal Church

Pastoral Letter

***A Pastoral Letter from The Venerable Dr Amanda Bloor
Archdeacon of Cleveland***



September always feels like a pivot point in the year. Summer weather might, if we're lucky, linger on for a while, but September marks the beginning of autumn, with its shorter days, darker evenings and falling leaves. Children return to school after the long break and students get ready to pick up their studies again. Many churches will be celebrating harvest, that celebration of the farming calendar, before the hard work begins of clearing the ground, preparing the soil and getting ready to plant. Farmers know that if you hope for a good harvest next year, you need to start putting the work in now.

Our spiritual lives can benefit from an overhaul at this time of year too. What is it that we need to clear away so that new growth can happen? How can we best feed our souls so that we can really flourish?

Novelist and poet Mary Webb wrote, in a poem she titled Harvest Song, of how land and crops can be vivid illustrations of God's nurturing and redeeming love for us. I find that the beauty of the countryside makes my heart sing in any season of the year, but for the poet, the fields of corn ready for harvest remind her of our soul's bread, the Eucharist, lifting her spirits so that she is filled with joy. September can be a glorious time, full of promise, hope and plenty, reminding us to shape our lives into a rich harvest for Christ.

*The noise of bells has sunk to rest;
The low grey clouds move swiftly on.
The land is still as Avalon,
Deep-breathing in its sleep, and blest.*

*For us that starling flock took wing,
And, like a silken banner blown,
Across the rippling corn has flown,
To teach our spirits how to sing.*

*For us the holy corn is spread
Across the quiet, misty dales
Towards the hyacinth hills of Wales,
To give our souls their daily bread.*

Harvest Song; Mary Webb

*Amanda Bloor
Archdeacon of Cleveland*

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark:
Diocese of Ribe, Bishop Elof Westergaard

Church of England:
Diocese of Bath and Wells, Bishop Michael Beasley

The Church Men's Society
Anglican Church of Southern Africa
(ACSA)

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

Sun 14 The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity and Holy Cross Day

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: The Anglican Church of South America

Mon 15 Calendar of Saints: Cyprian, bishop, martyr, 258

Pray for: Schools in 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 Omu-Aran – The Church of Nigeria

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

Pray for: Acting Archdeacon of York

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Ondo – The Church of Nigeria

Weds 17 Calendar of Saints: Hildegard, abbess, visionary, 1179

Pray for: Chaplaincy of HMP/YOI Askham Grange

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Ontario – The Anglican Church of Canada

Thurs 18 Pray for: Holy Trinity, Acaster Malbis, St John, Acaster Selby, All Saints, Appleton Roebuck, St Andrew, Bishopthorpe

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Oregon – The Episcopal Church

Fri 19 Calendar of Saints: Theodore, archbishop, 690

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

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Eastern Oregon – The Episcopal Church

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

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

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Orlu – The Church of Nigeria



A forty year old dream comes to true in South Africa

The Revd Canon Dr Rachel Mash, Co-ordinator of the Anglican Communion's Environmental Network, shares of a new church in South Africa.

On the 26th of July 2025 Archbishop Thabo and Bishop Joshua Louw will be blessing and dedicating a new church building at Eluvukweni Church in Crossroads. The congregation has a long history of worshipping in difficult circumstances. The congregation was started in the darkest days of apartheid in 1975 by the late Rev David Russell who was the priest at Holy Cross Nyanga. He was passionate about the situation of migrant workers living in Crossroads.

He started a small congregation worshipping in a small home. Eventually they moved into a structure used by a preschool. It was burned down during the violence of 1983 by the "witdoeke".

Rev David Russell was banned and unable to come into Crossroads so he met with members of the congregation. He said it was time for the congregation, which was being led by lay preachers to have a name and they called it "Eluvukweni" – Resurrection – because they believed the church building would rise again.

They built a large shack to worship in, which has been home to this wonderful congregation for many years. The Church has a vibrant ministry with many organisations and an outreach of a soup kitchen serving 100 children 3 times a week.

During winter "we come to church with our prayer books, our hymn books and our mops!". The building has been challenging as South Africa is battling with a wave of 'construction mafia' where there is often extortion when building takes place. Crossroads is in one of the most violent parts of the city and we struggled to get building firms to work in the area, which put the costs up significantly. But God is good and the building is now almost ready to be opened.

The dream is to build a hall and develop the children's soup kitchen into a Montessori Pre-school in this underserved community. We also dream to put solar panels on the church and hall to source ongoing funds by feeding into the grid.

Join us in giving thanks with the people of Eluvukweni!

Church of England

Diocese of Sheffield, Bishop Pete Wilcox, Bishop Designate of Doncaster –

The Revd Leah Vasey-Saunders

Church of Greenland:

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

Bishop Paneeraq Siegstad Munk

Archdeaconry of Helderberg,

Diocese of False Bay

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

Sun 21 The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist International Day of Peace

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: Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Mon 22 Pray for: St Luke, Clifford

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Oru – The Church of Nigeria

Tues 23 Pray for: St Mary, Askham Richard, St James, Bilbrough, All Saints, Long Marston, All Saints, Rufforth, The Epiphany, Tockwith

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Osaka – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Weds 24 Ember Day

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

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Osun – The Church of Nigeria

Thurs 25 Calendar of Saints: Lancelot Andrewes, bishop, spiritual writer, 1626 Sergei of Radonezh, monastic reformer, teacher of the faith, 1392

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

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Osun North – The Church of Nigeria

Fri 26 Ember Day

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

Pray for: Schools in the New Ainsty Deanery; Archbishop of York CE School; Boston Spa CE
Primary School; Kirk Fenton Parochial CE School; Lady E Hastings CE School, Thorp Arch;
Long Marston CE Primary School; St Marys CE Primary School, Tockwith CE Primary School

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Osun North East – The Church of Nigeria

Sat 27 Ember Day

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

Pray for: Celebration of Lay Ministries Service; for all those engaged in lay ministry,
especially for those about to be Authorised and Licensed

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Ottawa – The Anglican Church of Canada



First ever fisheries patrol vessel built in Yorkshire for Yorkshire dedicated by Bishop of Whitby

First ever fisheries patrol vessel built in Yorkshire for Yorkshire, has been dedicated by the Bishop of Whitby, the Rt Revd Barry Hill.

Last Saturday saw the dedication of North Eastern Guardian IV. Built in Whitby by Parkol Marine Engineering, the new vessel will be used by Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority to support fishing through marine biology and enforcement across the North East. An all-aluminium first of its kind design, the vessel is the first conceived and built in Yorkshire.

Guests, which included the Head of the Department of Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and representatives of some of the nine local authorities served by the vessel, heard from the Chair of Improving Child and Family Arrangements (ICFA) and Professor Emeritus of Marine Biology about the kind of work the vessel will be engaged in before the customary champagne was smashed against it, and Bishop Barry and Area Dean of Whitby, the Revd Michael Gobbett, led a service of naming and dedication.

Bishop Barry reflected on the events recorded in John chapter 21 of the large haul of fish Jesus enabled following his resurrection and what it might mean for us today.

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 Ibongulethu,

Diocese of Cape Town

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

Sun 28 The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Anglican Communion: Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

Mon 29 Calendar of Saints: Michael and All Angels

Pray for: St Magnus, Bessingby, St Mary, Bessingby, Christ Church, Bridlington Quay, St Andrew, Ulrome

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Otukpo – The Church of Nigeria

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

Pray for: Bridlington Priory Church (St Mary)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Owerri – The Church of Nigeria

Weds 1 Calendar of Saints: Remegius, bishop 533; Anthony Ashley Cooper (Earl of Shaftesbury) social reformer 1885

Pray for: Black History Month

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Owo – The Church of Nigeria

Thurs 2 Pray for: Church of England's Racial Justice Unit

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Oxford – The Church of England

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

Pray for: All Saints, Barmston, Emmanuel, Bridlington

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Oyo – The Church of Nigeria

Sat 4 Calendar of Saints: Francis of Assisi, friar, deacon, 1226

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 Pacong – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan



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

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.

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.

Useful Links

Archbishop of York: archbishopofyork.org

The Church of England: churchofengland.org

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