

# DIOCESE OF YORK PRAYER DIARY



**APRIL - JUNE 2026**



## Welcoming New Arrivals

**We are pleased to confirm the appointment of the Revd Canon Mark Carey as its new Director of Mission and Ministry, and the Revd Tom Mumford has been appointed Chaplain to support the Bishop of Selby in her role as Lead Bishop for the Diocese of York.**

In his role, Mark will build on his long-standing service across the diocese, strengthening our shared commitment to Living Christ's Story. Mark brings decades of parish and leadership experience, shaped by a deep conviction that God forms ordinary disciples for extraordinary faithfulness in everyday life. He will lead and develop the diocese's Mission and Ministry team, working alongside clergy and lay leaders to equip and resource parishes, support local mission, and help communities flourish as confident missionary disciples.

Reflecting on his appointment, Mark said: "I am grateful to be continuing my ministry within the Diocese of York, serving our shared calling to live Christ's story in this generation. Across the parish contexts in which I have served, I have seen how God forms ordinary disciples for extraordinary faithfulness in everyday life. At this time of renewed spiritual openness, I believe the Holy Spirit is inviting us to grow in confidence as missionary disciples."

For Tom, his role of Chaplain will be responsible for providing the Bishop with spiritual, liturgical, administrative, strategic and practical support, and sharing in pastoral oversight. Tom is currently the Vicar of Ipswich Minster and Assistant Area Dean of Ipswich in Suffolk. He also serves the wider diocese as Diocesan Interfaith Advisor, leads on the Suffolk Ministry Development Programme, and is a member of the Bishop's Council and the DBF finance committee.

Tom said: "York was the place I first explored the Christian faith in my early 20s and discovered not only the love of God in Jesus Christ, but also a sense of call to be a priest. It will be a wrench to leave Ipswich and parish ministry where I have enjoyed some extraordinary years, but I feel as if I am being called to return to my spiritual home, both to support the mission and ministry of the diocese, and also of my wife as she explores her own call to be a parish priest. I am excited to see what God has in store for us all in the coming years, and I look forward to meeting the bishops, clergy, staff and people, and serving you all, so that together we may know more fully what it means for us to live Christ's story."

Please pray for Mark and Tom as they begin their new ministries.

**Church of Ireland:**

Diocese of Armagh, Archbishop John McDowell

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark:**

Diocese of Funen, Bishop Mads Davidsen

**Church of England:**

Diocese of Sodor and Man, Bishop Tricia Hillas

**Archbishop Thabo Makgoba;**

Archbishop of Cape Town,  
Primate of Southern Africa and  
Chair of Christian Aid

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

**Sun 29 Palm Sunday**

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you and love you,  
that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

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

**Mon 30 Calendar: Monday of Holy Week**

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Venezuela - The Episcopal Church

**Tues 31 Calendar: Tuesday of Holy Week**

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Vermont – The Episcopal Church

**Weds 1 Calendar: Wednesday of Holy Week**

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Victoria Nyanza – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

**Thurs 2 Calendar: Maundy Thursday**

God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end  
and drank the cup prepared for him:  
may we who share his table watch with him through the night of suffering and be faithful.

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Virgin Islands – The Episcopal Church

**Fri 3 Calendar: Good Friday**

Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus we see the cost of our sin and the depth of your love:  
in humble hope and fear may we place at his feet all that we have and all that we are,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Virginia – The Episcopal Church

**Sat 4 Calendar: Easter Eve or Holy Saturday**

In the depths of our isolation we cry to you, Lord God:  
give light in our darkness and bring us out of the prison of our despair;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Southern Virginia – The Episcopal Church



## Welcoming in Easter

“I know Jesus had to die, but why did he have to die like that?” It was a question asked by a faithful soul who had been part of her worshipping community for many years. She understood that Jesus died for our sins, and she was looking for an answer that went beyond, ‘Because crucifixion was just how the Romans executed people.’

I think one answer to her question goes something like this: The point of crucifixion was not simply to execute an enemy of Rome, but to publicly humiliate them. The point was that great, powerful Rome wanted to shame its enemies.

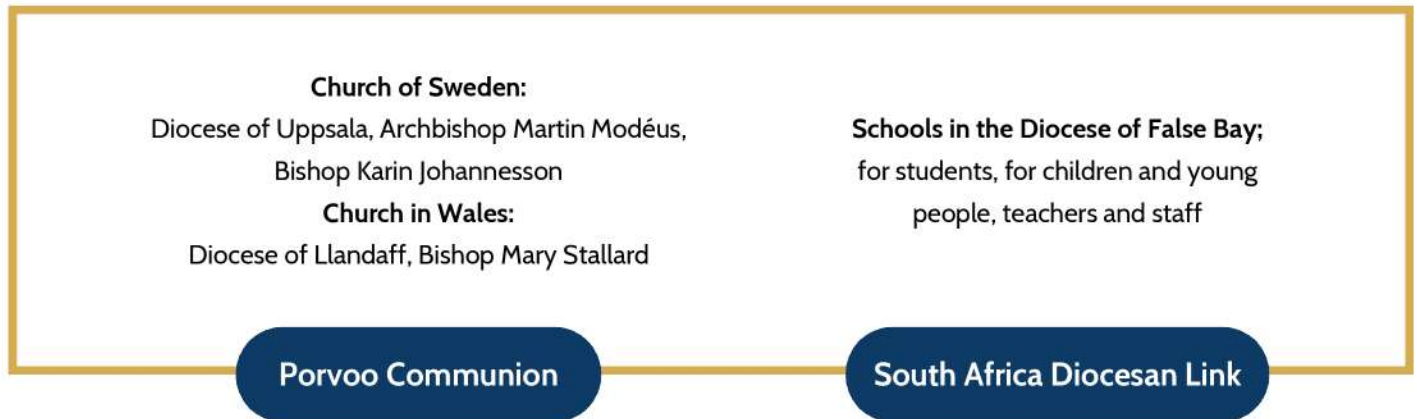
And that, of course, was where the story should have ended. Jesus, who claimed that God was so completely with him that they were somehow the same, died in shame. How could God’s messiah possibly be shamed in such a way?

At Easter we celebrate God’s victory over death. But we also celebrate God’s victory over shame. Or perhaps we should say God’s absolute identification with those whom society has shamed. With those whom society marginalizes. With those whom powerful voices tell us are ‘other.’

But with God, there are no ‘others.’ Each and every human person is loved and cherished beyond our wildest imaginings. This was one of the things Jesus came to share with God’s world. Humans don’t seem capable of living any way other than by ‘othering’ certain groups or certain individuals. By marginalising them. By shaming them. We don’t seem able to live in a way which doesn’t involve ‘us and them.’ But Jesus came to invite us into God’s kingdom, and God’s kingdom isn’t like that. In God’s kingdom, all are welcome. All are loved and cherished. No-one is shamed.

As we seek to become more like Christ, as we seek to make visible God’s kingdom, so it is for us to do the work of Christ: to stand with, to welcome and to cherish each and every human person. This Easter, as we celebrate afresh Christ’s resurrection, may we be renewed in our call to be a people who welcome as Christ welcomes and, therefore, as God welcomes.

*The Revd John Hoyland  
Diocesan CMD Adviser*



**Sun 5 Easter Day**

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Anglican Communion:** La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

**Mon 6 Calendar: Monday of Easter Week**

**Pray for:** St Aidan, Boosbeck; St Chad, Lingdale; All Saints, Skelton

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Southwestern Virginia – The Episcopal Church

**Tues 7 Calendar: Tuesday of Easter Week**

**Pray for:** St Nicholas, Guisborough; World Health Day; a WHO day which focuses on a global health issue each year, in 2026 'Health for All' without financial barriers

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of West Virginia – The Episcopal Church

**Weds 8 Calendar: Wednesday of Easter Week**

**Pray for:** St Cuthbert, Kirkleatham; St Hilda, Kirkleatham

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Wad Medani – Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

**Thurs 9 Calendar: Thursday of Easter Week**

**Pray for:** St Helen, Carlin How; St Leonard, Loftus-in-Cleveland

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

**Fri 10 Calendar: Friday of Easter Week**

**Pray for:** St Mark, Marske-in-Cleveland

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

**Sat 11 Calendar: Saturday of Easter Week**

**Pray for:** Emmanuel, Saltburn-by-the-Sea; St Thomas, New Marske

**Anglican Communion:** Te Pihopatanga o Te Waipounamu – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia



## Celebration Service for Youth Discipleship Ambassadors

**Lucy Willshaw, Diocesan GROW Leader, reflects on the recent celebration service at York Minster, where new Youth Discipleship Ambassadors were commissioned by the Bishop of Whitby.**

*Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

So sang a congregation of young people, families, clergy, supporters, and representatives from the diocese in the crypt of York Minster one Saturday morning in January. It was the beginning of a service celebrating the journey that a group of young people had shared over 2025. A journey of growing in faith through exploring the different aspects of the diocesan Rhythm of Life. A journey that has included personal reflection and sharing with others. And what a joyful celebration it was!

The service was put together and led by the young people who had been engaging with GROW, and it culminated with Bishop Barry commissioning them as Youth Discipleship Ambassadors.

When I was invited to lead one of the GROW groups, I knew that it was something that I couldn't refuse! It has been a great opportunity to be part of the wider team and to participate in something beyond my own church setting. It has been a real joy to get to know and travel alongside the young people who have been part of GROW. Preparing and leading the sessions has enabled me to stop and reflect on my own 'Rhythm of Life', and I have learned so much through the young people themselves and those faithful members of their church who have supported us.

I think one of the most important parts of the service was when Bishop Barry asked those present:

"People of God, will you continue to support these young people in their journey of faith, pray for them, and value them as Ambassadors?"

To which we all responded with a hearty, **"We will!"**

What a responsibility. What a privilege.

Please pray for young people across the diocese, all those who have participated in the GROW programme, and the young people who have been commissioned as Youth Discipleship Ambassadors across the Diocese of York.

**Church of England:**

Diocese of Derby, Bishop Libby Lane, Bishop Malcolm Macnaughton

**Church of Ireland:**

Diocese of Clogher, Bishop Ian Ellis

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark:**

Diocese of Aalborg, Bishop Thomas Reinholdt Rasmussen

**Synod of Bishops  
of South Africa**

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

**Sun 12 The Second Sunday of Easter**

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and  
walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

**Anglican Communion:** Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola**Mon 13 Pray for:** St Peter, Redcar**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Wandi – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan**Tues 14 Pray for:** St Cuthbert, Wilton**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Spokane – The Episcopal Church**Weds 15 Pray for:** Schools in Guisborough Deanery: Coatham CE Primary School, St Peter's CE School (Brotton)**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Wanglei – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan**Thurs 16 Calendar of Saints:** *Isabella Gilmore, Deaconess***Pray for:** St Bartholomew, Aldbrough; St Giles, Goxhill; All Saints, Mappleton; St Alban, Withernwick**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Wanyjok – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan**Fri 17 Pray for:** St Leonard, Beeford; St Mary, Brandesburton; St Nicholas, Dunnington (E. Riding); St Andrew, Foston-on-the-Wolds; Holy Trinity, Leven; St James of Compostella, Lissett; St Elgin, North Frodingham**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Warri – The Church of Nigeria**Sat 18 Pray for:** St Lawrence, Atwick; St Nicholas, Hornsea; All Saints, Skipsea**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Washington – The Episcopal Church

## Pastoral Letter



### *A Pastoral Letter from The Rt Revd Stephen Race, Bishop of Beverley.*

The great, annual, celebration of the Day of Resurrection is behind us once again and we continue through the Easter Season during which we recall the many and glorious Resurrection encounters between Jesus and his followers. During this period we witness initial reactions of fear and bewilderment turn into joy and awe – and the recognition that nothing would ever be the same again.

Two millennia later it is easy for us to live as Christians in the West with a relaxed complacency about it all. We know the stories, we've got the art and music, the traditions and the liturgies. With a bit of effort, we can observe Holy Week and Easter very well.

But do we have within ourselves that heady mix of fear and joy, bewilderment and awe? I suspect that one of the reasons why church attendance and Christian faith declined in this country is that we began to take it all for granted; and once something or someone is taken for granted it is no longer valued and soon becomes neglected.

Writing in the second century, Justin Martyr in his "First apology in defence of the Christians" reminds us that "we hold our common assembly on Sunday because it is the first day of the week, the day on which God put darkness and chaos to flight and created the world, and because on that same day our saviour Jesus rose from the dead." Every Sunday we remember both creation and re-creation when darkness and chaos are put to flight, when sin and death are vanquished. As St John's Gospel teaches us, "What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people." (John 1.3-4 NRSVA)

The Fourth Sunday of Easter (26<sup>th</sup> April) is kept as a day of prayer for vocations. Let us pray not only for new ordained and licensed lay vocations to emerge, but also for a renewal in us all of our vocation to proclaim the good news of the Risen Lord. Pray too for the gift of fear and joy, bewilderment and awe for it is the expression of these that will authenticate our witness.

+Stephen Race

**Church of England:**

Diocese of Blackburn, Bishop Philip North, Bishop Jill Duff,

Bishop Joseph Kennedy

**Scottish Episcopal Church:**

Diocese of Brechin, Bishop Andrew Swift

**The Lutheran Church in Great Britain:**

Bishop Paulina Hławiczka-Trotman

**Archdeaconry of Blue Downs;**

Diocese of False Bay

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

**Sun 19 The Third Sunday of Easter**

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

**Anglican Communion:** The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

**Mon 20 Pray for:** St John the Baptist, Bewholme; St Michael, Catwick; St James, Ellerby; St Margaret, Long Riston; All Saints, Rise; St Lawrence, Sigglesothorne; St Augustine, Skirlaugh; St Mary, Swine

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

**Tues 21 Calendar of Saints:** Anselm, Abbot of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher 1109

**Pray for:** Schools within the North Holderness Deanery; Beeford CE School, Leven CE Primary School, Riston CE Primary School, Sigglesothorne CE Primary School, Skirlaugh CE Primary School

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

**Weds 22 Pray for:** Stephen Lawrence Day for racial justice, also World Earth Day; marking the need for environmental conservation

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

**Thurs 23 Pray for:** St James the Deacon, Acomb Moor

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Wiawso – The Church of the Province of West Africa

**Fri 24 Calendar of Saints:** Mellitus, Bishop of London, first Bishop at St Paul's 624; The Seven Martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood, Solomon Islands, 2003

**Pray for:** St Stephen, Acomb

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Willochra – The Anglican Church of Australia

**Sat 25 Calendar of Saints:** Mark the Evangelist

**Pray for:** The Holy Redeemer, Acomb; St Everilda, Nether Poppleton; All Saints, Upper Poppleton

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Winchester – The Church of England



## Supporting New Mums in Thirsk

**The first weeks and months with a new baby can bring both joy and challenge. When midwife Tracey noticed that postnatal provision had changed after the pandemic, she and the community at St Mary's, Thirsk, saw an opportunity to offer local mums a place of welcome, support, and friendship.**

Initiated as part of the Diocese of York's Multiply project, which helps develop new worshipping communities among people in their 20s, 30s and 40s, Nurture supports new and expectant mums from the end of pregnancy until their babies are around a year old.

Tracy said: "We started thinking about this group about four years ago because, as a midwife in Thirsk, I noticed we hadn't got the baby groups that were for newborn babies, the health visitor role had changed, and we just needed something for the mums to make friends, so coffee, chat, and to bring their babies and get to know each other."

The group was started by St Mary's Church and is run in partnership with other churches in the market town. This shared approach helps keep Nurture free for all families in need. Families stay in touch through Facebook and WhatsApp, where mums share questions, encouragement and practical help. The relationships formed through Nurture have continued beyond the group itself,

with families connecting with wider church life and activities.

The Revd Mary Rolls, Rector of Thirsk Parishes and Area Dean for Mowbray, said: "It acts as quite a community space as mums post concerns or queries into the hive mind, and share stuff that babies have grown out of or when Aldi or Lidl have baby offers. It also gives us a quick means of inviting to Christingle, Mothering Sunday services, Easter trails and anything that's going on in the churches.

"The connection with the churches is great. One of the churches started a Thursday morning tots group, recognising that this was an area and time they could serve. We have baptised lots of the babies, confirmed one of the mums, and married two sets of parents. It is such a win for us in creating a really natural relationship that continues as the children grow."

Nurture shows how Living Christ's Story takes shape through practical, compassionate care for new mums and families. In giving mums "some more adult company", churches in Thirsk are building trusted relationships and offering a warm welcome at an important but vulnerable time in families' lives.

**Church of Sweden:**

Diocese of Gothenburg, Bishop Susanne Rappmann

**Scottish Episcopal Church:**

Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway,  
Bishop Nicholas Bundock

**Guild of Bernard Mizeki;**

Men's Guild for African lay men to promote and encourage the participation and nurturing of men's leadership in the life of the Church

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

**Sun 26 The Fourth Sunday of Easter and Vocations Sunday**

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

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

**Mon 27 Calendar:** Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1894

**Pray for:** St Philip and St James, Clifton; St Mark, Rawcliffe; The Clifton Moor Church

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Windward Islands – The Church in the Province of the West Indies

**Tues 28 Calendar of Saints:** Peter Chanel, Missionary in the South Pacific, Martyr, 1841

**Pray for:** St Edward the Confessor, Dringhouses

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

**Weds 29 Calendar of Saints:** Catherine of Siena, Teacher, 1380

**Pray for:** St Oswald, Fulford

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Worcester – The Church of England

**Thurs 30 Calendar of Saints:** Pandita Mary Ramabai, Translator of the Scriptures, 1922

**Pray for:** St Mary, Haxby; St Nicholas, Wigginton

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

**Fri 1 Calendar of Saints:** Philip and James, Apostles

**Pray for:** St Lawrence, York

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Wusasa – The Church of Nigeria

**Sat 2 Calendar of Saints:** Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher, 373

**Pray for:** Christ Church, Heworth

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Wyoming – The Episcopal Church



## Philip Moore embarks on Benefice Organ Crawl

**Philip Moore, former Director of Music at York Minster, who now worships in The Street Parishes Benefice in the Diocese of York, shares his experience of playing for the annual Organ Crawl across the local villages.**

I began my organ playing career when I was a child in the parish of St Mary and All Saints, Boxley in Kent. The church is set, magically, in the foothills of the North Downs. There are several daughter churches and it was in those that I first played for services. My life has taken me through a variety of posts since then, finishing in York Minster. On retirement in 2008 I moved to Barton le Street and became, once again, a village organist. In a wonderful way I feel my life has come full circle, living in a village not far from the North York Moors. There are three fine organs in our Benefice, all in good order and shortly after moving here I had the idea that I should give a recital in the summer at three of our churches, Hovingham, Slingsby and Barton le Street. As we might crawl from pub to pub I referred to the evening as an organ crawl, a name that has stuck.

Many of our village churches in the British Isles have very fine organs. They may not be large and able to shake the rafters of the churches, but they have, nevertheless, unique characters of their own, often with sounds that are intrinsically beautiful. I felt that to highlight our instruments

one evening in the summer would be a good way of alerting people to the treasures that are contained in our churches.

We began the organ crawl in the summer of 2009 and apart from a break during lockdown, have continued ever since. I play for about twenty minutes in each church, beginning in Hovingham and moving via Slingsby to Barton le Street. We finish the evening with refreshments in Barton le Street Village Hall. Churches are wonderful places for concerts and I like to think that those who do not attend church on a regular basis are sometimes attracted to come to church in order to hear music. Architecture and music have a magic all of their own, reminding us that “craftsman’s art and music’s measure for thy pleasure all combine.”

The care of our organs is vital and money spent on their upkeep is money well spent. We therefore ask for donations in each church that go towards the maintenance of these lovely organs. The 2026 organ crawl is on 26<sup>th</sup> June. We allow twenty minutes for travel between each recital so the timings are: Hovingham 6.20 pm; Slingsby 7.00 pm; Barton le Street 7.40 pm; refreshments start at 8.00 pm. We look forward to seeing you!

**Church of England:**

Diocese of Southwark, Bishop Christopher Chessun, Bishop Martin Gainsborough, Bishop Rosemarie Mallet, Bishop Alastair Cutting

**Church of Norway:**

Diocese of Björgvin, Bishop Ragnhild Jepsen

**Bishop of Table Bay,**

The Rt Revd Joshua Louw

**Porvoo Communion**

**South Africa Diocesan Link**

**Sun 3 The Fifth Sunday of Easter also World Press Freedom Day**

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life:

give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

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

**Mon 4 Calendar of Saints: English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era**

**Pray for:** Holy Trinity, Heworth; St Wulstan, Heworth

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

**Tues 5 Pray for: St Wulstan's Conventional District**

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Yangon – The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

**Weds 6 Pray for: All Saints, Huntington; St Andrew, New Earswick**

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

**Thurs 7 Pray for: All Saints, North Street; also local government elections for some English Councils and Scottish and Welsh devolved assembly elections**

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

**Fri 8 Calendar of Saints: Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer, c, 1417**

**Pray for:** St Martin, Coney Street; All Saints, Pavement; St Helen, Stonegate; St Denys, York; St Olave with St Giles, York

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Yewa – The Church of Nigeria

**Sat 9 Pray for: Holy Trinity, Micklegate**

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



## Where hardship means hunger... urban farmers can grow hope

**Christian Aid supporters will be fundraising this Christian Aid Week (10-16 May).**

With seven days to make a difference, every gift, act and prayer counts. You can still be part of Christian Aid Week, for example, holding a retiring collection, encouraging on-line donations or attending a Deanery event. Everything you do will support someone like Fridah Moraa, pictured here, to grow food for her children and nurture hope.

In Nairobi, most parents wake knowing they must earn money, otherwise their children won't eat that evening. Without formal work, low pay, and no social support, it's a daily struggle. 'When I wake up, I have a lot of worries. Sometimes I don't have food,' says Fridah, a widowed grandmother determined to support her family on what little she earns. 'Now I'm responsible for everything.' With school, rent and water costs, providing food is an unending problem.

But Fridah's faith, and in her abilities, is unwavering. With tools, seeds and training from Christian Aid's partner, Beacon of Hope, Fridah's now making the most of a small city space to

grow fresh vegetables to cook for her family or sell at market. Fridah says: 'I never thought that a woman could also be a provider.' With her inner strength, unstoppable resolve, and help from Beacon of Hope, Fridah's overcoming poverty to protect her family from malnutrition. Fridah takes pride in her achievements: "When I harvest what I've planted, it makes me happy. Urban farming has changed my life."

£5 buys seeds for a vegetable garden  
£10 buys two chickens to produce fertiliser  
£15 purchases gardening tools  
£30 buys planters that host hundreds of plants in a tiny space

Helen Cunningham, Church Engagement and Fundraising Officer, said 'The great thing about Christian Aid Week is that churches throughout the UK and Ireland give of their time and talents to raise money and pray for people like Fridah and the work of Christian Aid's partners. It makes a real difference and unites us all in Hope.'



Find out more  
and get involved  
at [caweek.org](http://caweek.org)

<p><b>Church of England:</b> Diocese of Gloucester, Bishop Rachel Treweek, Bishop Robert Springett</p> <p><b>Church of Sweden:</b> Diocese of Västerås, Bishop Mikael Mogren</p>	<p><b>Green Anglicans,</b> the Anglican Church of Southern Africa's Environmental Network</p>
<p><b>Porvoo Communion</b></p>	<p><b>South Africa Diocesan Link</b></p>

- Sun 10**    **The Sixth Sunday of Easter also Rogation Sunday**  
 Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:  
 help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
 to the glory of God the Father.  
*Christian Aid Week begins until Saturday 16*  
**Anglican Communion:** The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean
  
- Mon 11**    **Calendar: Rogation Day**  
**Pray for:** St Barnabas, York; St Paul, York  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Yokohama – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai
  
- Tues 12**    **Calendar of Saints: Rogation Day; Gregory Dix, Priest, Monk, Scholar, 1952**  
**Pray for:** St Chad, York  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Yola – The Church of Nigeria
  
- Weds 13**    **Calendar: Rogation Day**  
**Pray for:** St Mary, Bishophill Junior, York; St Clement, York  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of York – The Church of England
  
- Thurs 14**    **Ascension Day**  
*Thy Kingdom Come period of prayer begins until Pentecost*  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of New York – The Episcopal Church
  
- Fri 15**    **Calendar of Saints: Matthias the Apostle**  
**Pray for:** St Hilda, St Paul, Heslington, York  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Western New York – The Episcopal Church
  
- Sat 16**    **Calendar of Saints: Caroline Chisholm, Social Reformer, 1877**  
**Pray for:** St Luke, York  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Ysabel – The Anglican Church of Melanesia



## Pastoral Letter



*A Pastoral Letter from The Venerable Andy Broom, Archdeacon of the East Riding.*

### *A Big Adventure*

‘What are you going to do when you grow up?’ I guess we’ve all been asked that at some point. I seem to recall saying ‘I don’t know but I want to work with people and not always be stuck at a desk’ . . . looking back it’s turned out ok!

Whether it’s those ‘big’ life choices, or the smaller everyday ones, we often find ourselves having to make decisions. Sometimes it’s very easy, sometimes it’s not. And what about adding God into the mix? Does it help to ponder such questions through the lens of ‘What does God want of me?’ or ‘What are God’s plans and purposes in this situation?’

I like the analogy of the life of faith being like living out an adventure. In the best adventures there are always twists and turns, high points and low, and the unexpected happens. Often that describes our lives with God. If we see our lives as an adventure with God, then it is pleasing him and remaining within his plans and purposes that matters most. All of this means the questions we might wrestle with are not simply ‘how do I decide on this, or that?’ but also ‘how best can I be living my life with God, what does he want of me?’

Working out exactly how we do this isn’t always straight forward, but we can choose to set our hearts on seeking to live this way. Proverbs 3.5-6 helps me - it encourages us to ‘Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understandings, in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight’. Maybe if we can establish this outlook, then the individual decisions may become easier.

*The Ven Andy Broom*

**Church of England:**

Diocese of Guildford, Bishop Paul Davies (Bishop of Dorking);

mourning the loss of Bishop Andrew Watson

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark:**

Diocese of Viborg, Bishop Henrik Stubkjaer

**Archdeaconry of**

**Namaqualand North,**

Diocese of Saldanha Bay

**Porvoo Communion**

**South Africa Diocesan Link**

**Sun 17 The Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension Day)**

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Anglican Communion:** The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

**Mon 18 Pray for:** St Michael-le-Belfry, York; G2 York

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Yukon – The Anglican Church of Canada

**Tues 19 Calendar of Saints:** Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of Monastic Life, 988

**Pray for:** St Thomas with St Maurice, York

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Zaki-Biam – The Church of Nigeria

**Weds 20 Calendar of Saints:** Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804

**Pray for:** Schools within the York Deanery: Archbishop Holgate's CE Academy; Heworth CE Primary School; St Barnabas CE School; St Lawrence CE Primary School; St Oswalds CE Primary School; St Paul's CE Primary School; York Manor CE Academy; St Peter's School

**Anglican Communion:** The Missionary Diocese of Zambezia – Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

**Thurs 21 Calendar of Saints:** Helena, Protector of the Holy Places, 330

**Pray for:** Bishop of Selby

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Central Zambia – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

**Fri 22 Pray for:** St Hilda, Ampleforth; Holy Cross, Gilling East; St Oswald, Oswaldkirk; Holy Trinity, Stonegrave

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Eastern Zambia – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

**Sat 23 Pray for:** St John, Bilsdale Midcable; St Mary Magdalene, Eastmoors; All Saints, Hawnby; All Saints, Helmsley; All Saints, Old Byland; St Mary, Rievaulx; St Mary, Scawton; St Chad, Sproxton

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Northern Zambia – The Church of the Province of Central Africa



## Finding our lives caught up in the life of God

**The Revd Daniel Jones, Chaplain at St Peter's School, reflects on aspects of his ministry and the role that chaplaincy plays within communities.**

As Chaplain to the staff and pupils at St Peter's School, I consider it an enormous privilege that our community gets the chance to gather in Chapel five times a week.

The Chapel is a space where, for many of our pupils, whether they consider themselves religious or not, the life of the community can be most tangibly felt. When former pupils come back to the School, it's almost always the place that they're most keen to visit. I rarely tire of reminding them that the Chapel is a space where we can give thanks for what's best about who we are, both as individuals and collectively. It's here, as we share stories, that we find our lives caught up in the life of God.

As I walk into Chapel each day, I always pause briefly to look at the cross which hangs above the altar. The Chapel cross was designed and created by John Brown, who taught at the school for almost forty years. It was dedicated

by the Dean of York and hung in Chapel on St Peter's Day in 1977 as part of the School's 1350<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. Over my fifteen years as Chaplain, I have come to love it. It's a constant reminder that the story of God's love, reaching out into our community, has been told in this place since before any of the current community arrived. Each of us is part of a story that extends beyond our own arrival. And the spiral pattern upon which it is based seems to radiate from the single red piece at the centre. Do our lives and the world in all its beauty and grandeur, I wonder, spiral out of the breaking heart of God?

Next year, the School will celebrate its 1400<sup>th</sup> birthday. We will go into that year praying that we may remember that we are part of God's story, unfolding in this place. May you too feel yourself part of God's story, poured out for the world and drawing all things into abundant life.

**Church of England:**

Diocese of Exeter, Bishop Mike Harrison, Bishop James Grier

**Church of Norway:**

Diocese of Nord-Hålogaland, Bishop Stig Laegdene

**Hospital chaplains**

working across Southern Africa

**Porvoo Communion**

**South Africa Diocesan Link**

**Sun 24 Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)**

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Anglican Communion:** The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

**Mon 25 Calendar of Saints: The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian, 735  
Aldhelm, Bishop of Sherborne, 709**

**Pray for:** Holy Epiphany, Butterwick Chapel; St Chad, Great Habton; St Laurence, Kirby Misperton, Marton Mission Room; St Andrew, Middleton; St John, Newton; St Andrew, Normanby, All Saints, Nunnington; St John of Beverley, Salton; All Saints, Sinnington

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Zanzibar – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

**Tues 26 Calendar of Saints: Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, 605, John Calvin, Reformer, 1564, Philip Neri, Founder of the Oratorians, Spiritual Guide 1595**

**Pray for:** St Nicholas, Bransdale; St Michael, Edstone; St Mary, Farndale; St Aidan, Gillamoor; All Saints, Kirkbymoorside

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Zaria – The Church of Nigeria

**Weds 27 Prayer for: St Hilda, Beadlam; St Saviour, Harome; St Gregory, Kirkdale; St John the Baptist, Pockley**

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Central Zimbabwe – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

**Thurs 28 Calendar of Saints: Lanfranc, Prior of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Scholar, 1089**

**Pray for:** Christ Church, Appleton-le-Moors; St Gregory, Cropton; St Chad, Hutton-le-Hole; St Mary, Lastingham; St Lawrence, Rosedale

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Ziwa Rukwa – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

**Fri 29 Pray for: St John, Allerston; All Saints, Brompton-by-Sawdon; St Mary, Ebberston; St Hilda, Ellerburn; St Matthew, Hutton Buscel; St Peter, Langdale End; St Stephen, Snainton; All Saints, Thornton Dale; St George, Wilton; St Helen & All Saints, Wykeham**

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Zonkwa – The Church of Nigeria

**Sat 30 Calendar of Saints: Josephine Butler, Social Reformer, 1906; Joan of Arc, Visionary, 1431; Apolo Kivebulaya, Priest, Evangelist in Central Africa, 1933**

**Pray for:** The Church of St Francis, Marishes; St John the Baptist, Levisham; St Giles, Lockton; St Peter & St Paul, Pickering

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Zululand – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa



## Unpacking Rural Ministry

**The Revd David Messer, who alongside being Area Dean of North Holderness, is also Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Siggleshorne with Nunkeeling and Bewholme, held in plurality with the Benefice of Skirlaugh, Catwick, Long Riston, Rise, Swine with Ellerby. In these places of village life, David shares some of his experiences of rural ministry.**

Many years ago I was asked by a Rural Dean, from a small sized town, "What did we do in Rural Ministry? It seems like a doddle. It must be all garden fetes and landed gentry." I am afraid that this attitude to Rural Ministry is not a stand-alone thought. Many people see Urban Ministry as cutting edge and where things happen.

Rural Ministry is so much more in my opinion. I serve a Rural Benefice of eight churches and communities in North Holderness with three Primary Church school where I am a Governor, and I love it. Each church and community is different in its identity and has its own behaviour and personality. We face the issues that are faced by most communities, whether rural or urban. There is a lack of social and affordable housing in particular for those starting out, and Country Lines - the distribution of drugs, and addiction of a variety of substances - is not uncommon. Transport

links are poor, hindering access to facilities which are located in the large towns, and homelessness and rough sleeping are often hidden issues.

So what do we do? We try to help in those circumstances by providing places for people to meet. These are provided a raft of volunteers who give their time up to help, places to share their stories. We try to ensure people are supported pastorally or given access to the support they need via professionals. In some cases we have spoken to our Councils about the lack of social housing. Also we try to support our farming communities in their daily lives and walk alongside them when issues become too much.

We also provide our weekly services, our bible studies, our prayer groups, our cafes and our churches as places of welcome and warmth. Services of Baptism and Marriage and a place to grieve for those we have lost. But the main thing in Rural Ministry is the people and the beauty of creation that sits around us in the countryside.

So its not just garden fetes and landed gentry. There is so much more to Rural Ministry once we look beyond these old fashioned stereotypes.

**Church of England:**

Diocese of Hereford, Bishop Richard Jackson

**The Lusitanian Church (Portugal):**

Bishop José Jorge Pina Cabral

**The Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Worldwide:**

Archbishop Karlis Zola

**Archdeaconry of Mitchells Plain;**

Diocese of False Bay

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

**Sun 31 Trinity Sunday**

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Anglican Communion:** Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

**Mon 1 Calendar of Saints: Justin, Martyr at Rome, c.165**

**Pray for:** Schools within the Northern Ryedale Deanery: Ampleforth St Hildas CE School; Gillamoor CE Primary School; Snainton CE Primary School; Thornton Dale CE Primary School; Wykeham CE Primary School

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Aba – The Church of Nigeria

**Tues 2 Calendar of Saints: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth**

**Pray for:** Bishop of Whitby

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Aba Ngwa North – The Church of Nigeria

**Weds 3 Calendar of Saints: The Martyrs of Uganda, 1885-87 and 1977**

**Pray for:** York Minster; Dean of York

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Abakaliki – The Church of Nigeria

**Thurs 4 Calendar of Saints: Day of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion (Corpus Christi)**

Petroc, Abbot of Padstow, 6<sup>th</sup> century

**Pray for:** Holy Rood House

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney – The Scottish Episcopal Church

**Fri 5 Calendar of Saints: Boniface (Wynfrith) of Crediton, Bishop, Apostle of Germany, Martyr, 754**

**Pray for:** World Environment Day; UN day raising awareness of and action towards improving environmental quality

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Abuja – The Church of Nigeria

**Sat 6 Calendar of Saints: Ini Kopuria, Founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945**

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

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

# PILGRIM PLACES, HOLY LIVES

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*'Each of us has our own story, but we are also part of bigger stories. The greatest story ever told is that of God becoming human in Jesus to offer us a transforming relationship with him. Through these reflections, we will see how this amazing story took root in Anglo-Saxon England, and how those who responded to it became signposts to God. They not only changed the world around them but can still challenge, inspire, and encourage us today.'*

*from the Archbishops' Introduction*

**This summer, the Church of England offers a new reflection campaign centred around pilgrimage – places and stories that help us feel part of something bigger on our journey towards God.**

The new resource, 'Pilgrim Places, Holy Lives: A Gospel Journey with the Early English Saints', help us to see the saints not merely as remarkable people from the past but as fellow travellers on the pilgrim journey who can shape our identity, our worship, and our witness to the world today. Among the reflections include stories from saints who walked the paths of our own diocese - Cedd, Alcuin, and Hild - and contributions from Archbishop Stephen, Professor Dee Dyas OBE, and our diocesan Discipleship Adviser, Sammi Tooze.

Running from the day after Pentecost (25 May) to 21 June, these readings and reflections explore eight places which were important in the spread of Christianity in England, and the stories of the saints who lived there. Each day will include a Bible reading, a prayer, a short reflection and a suggested action or reflective question.

Sammi Tooze, Diocesan Discipleship Adviser, comments,

"It's been an honour to be part of this project, sharing the stories of holy people gone before us. As the Church of England focusses on pilgrimage these few months and beyond, this is a great opportunity for churches and individuals to reflect on our own spiritual journeying, and intentional everyday faith."

The Everyday Faith app will carry reflections for adults every Monday to Saturday, based on the booklet. The reflections will be shared from 25 May to 20 June and available for a further 90 days after publication for those who want to begin the journey at another date. These aim to complement existing resources, including the new '[Pilgrim Places' resources](#) released as part of the Faith in the North initiative, which includes signage, 'Being a Pilgrim' Prayer Cards, illustrated reflective trails, and a set of "Pilgrim Explorer Cards" – a new resource for children and young people to explore the building and its stories.

**Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland:**  
 Bishop Guðrun Karls-Helgudóttir, Bishop Kristján Björnsson,  
 Bishop Gisli Gunnarsson  
**The Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church:**  
 Bishop Carlos Lopez Lozano

**Schools**  
 in the Diocese of Saldanha Bay

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

- Sun 7** **The First Sunday after Trinity also Environment Sunday**  
 God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom,  
 that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.  
**Anglican Communion:** The Scottish Episcopal Church
- Mon 8** **Calendar of Saints:** Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, Nonjuror, Hymn Writer, 1711  
**Pray for:** St Andrew, Rillington; St Martin, Scampston; St Hilda, Sherburn; All Saints,  
 Thorpe Bassett; All Saints, West Heslerton; St John the Baptist, Yedingham  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Accra – The Church of the Province of West Africa
- Tues 9** **Calendar of Saints:** Columba, Abbot of Iona, Missionary, 597; Ephrem of Syria, Deacon,  
 Hymn Writer, Teacher 373  
**Pray for:** St Botolph, Bossall; St John the Evangelist, Buttercrambe; St Michael, Crambe;  
 St Lawrence, Flaxton; All Saints, Foston; St Mary Gate Helmsley; St John Howsham; St  
 Mary, Sand Hutton; St Peter, Upper Helmsley; St John the Evangelist, Whitwell  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Adelaide – The Anglican Church of Australia
- Weds 10** **Pray for:** Castle Howard, for all who visit and volunteer at the House including Chapel  
 visitors, worshippers and the Castle Howard chaplain  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Afikpo – The Church of Nigeria
- Thurs 11** **Calendar of Saints:** Barnabas the Apostle  
**Pray for:** St Martin, Bulmer; St Peter, Dalby; St Margaret, Huttons Ambo; All Saints,  
 Terrington; St John the Evangelist, Welburn  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of North Africa – The Episcopal/Anglican Province  
 of Alexandria
- Fri 12** **Pray for:** St Michael, New Malton; St Mary, Old Malton  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Agra – The Church of North India (United)
- Sat 13** **Pray for:** St Peter, Norton  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Aguata – The Church of Nigeria



## Archdeacon of the East Riding to take up new role in Howden

**After nearly 12 years as Archdeacon of the East Riding, the Ven Andy Broom will be moving to a new role this summer.**

Andy's next step will begin with an unusual interim arrangement as he is licensed as Assistant Curate to Howden Deanery. He will spend three months working with Permission to Officiate, primarily at St John's, Goole, in the Diocese of Sheffield. At the beginning of Advent, he will then become Rector of Howdenshire Benefice.

Over the past two years, Bishop Eleanor and Andy have been discerning and establishing a partnership between St John's, Goole, the Diocese of Sheffield, the Diocese of York, and Howdenshire Benefice. This partnership will aim to share the recent growth in mission and church vitality at St John's with the Howdenshire churches and sit alongside new SMMIB-funded posts supported by the Diocese of Sheffield.

Following the retirement of the Revd James Little, Rector of Howden Minster and the surrounding parishes, it was expected that someone already known to St John's and the Diocese of Sheffield would be appointed. But as circumstances changed, Andy sensed a

clear and personal call from God to this new ministry and was later interviewed and appointed to the post.

Reflecting on his time as Archdeacon of the East Riding, Andy said: "It has been a great joy and privilege to serve as archdeacon. I have loved the variety of the churches and people across the archdeaconry, and the opportunity to serve the wider diocese. The role of archdeacon is both demanding and stimulating, and I hope, in some small way, I have supported and enabled our churches as they live Christ's Story.

"This opportunity came unexpectedly, and I am excited about what God might do across Howdenshire. I feel very blessed to have this fresh call, and partnering with St John's and the Diocese of Sheffield brings an extra dimension full of possibilities."

There will be an opportunity to say farewell to Andy at a Service of Farewell and Thanksgiving at Beverley Minster on 30 June at 7.30pm. Booking details will follow soon. All are welcome.

Please pray for Andy as he prepares for this new ministry, and for the churches and communities soon to be in his care.

**Scottish Episcopal Church:**

Diocese of Argyll and the Isles, Bishop David Railton

**Church of Ireland:**

Diocese of Connor, Bishop George Davison

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark:**

Diocese of Lolland-Falster, Bishop Marianne Gaarden

**Archdeaconry of****Rondebosch;**

Diocese of Cape Town

**Porvoo Communion****South Africa Diocesan Link**

- Sun 14** **The Second Sunday after Trinity; also start of Refugee Week until 21 June**  
Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails:  
deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Anglican Communion:** Church of the Province of South East Asia
- Mon 15** **Calendar of Saints: Evelyn Underhill, Spiritual Writer, 1941**  
**Pray for:** St Helen, Amotherby; All Saints, Appleton-le-Street; St Michael, Barton-le-Street; Coneysthorpe Chapel; All Saints, Hovingham; St George the Martyr, Scackleton; All Saints, Slingsby  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Ahoada – The Church of Nigeria
- Tues 16** **Calendar of Saints: Richard, Bishop of Chichester, 1253; Joseph Butler, Bishop of Durham, Philosopher, 1752**  
**Pray for:** St Peter, Helperthorpe; St Andrew, Kirby Grindalythe; St Andrew, Weaverthorpe  
St Mary, West Lutton; St Mary, Wharram le Street  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Aipo Rongo – The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea
- Weds 17** **Calendar of Saints: Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, Social Reformers, 1913 and 1936**  
**Pray for:** St John the Baptist, Acklam (S Ryedale); St Mary, Birdsall; All Saints, Burythorpe; St Andrew, Langton; The Church of the Venerable Bede, Leavening; St Nicholas, North Grimston; All Saints, Settrington; St Mary Westow  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Ajayi Crowther – The Church of Nigeria
- Thurs 18** **Calendar of Saints: Bernard Mizeki, Apostle of the MaShona, Martyr, 1896**  
**Pray for:** Schools within the Southern Ryedale Deanery; Foston CE Primary School; Sand Hutton CE Primary School; Settrington All Saints CE School; Sherburn CE Primary School; Terrington CE Primary School; West Heselton CE Primary School  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Akobo – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- Fri 19** **Calendar of Saints: Sundor Singh of India, Sadhu (holy man), Evangelist, Teacher, 1929**  
**Pray for:** Hull University, staff, students and chaplaincy  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Akoko – The Church of Nigeria
- Sat 20** **Pray for:** World Refugee Day honouring refugees fleeing persecution or conflict.  
Also, York Diocesan Synod meeting  
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Akoko Edo – The Church of Nigeria



## Sisters from the OHP Community take part in Vocations Roadshow

**Sister Heather-Francis, who is part of the Order of the Holy Paraclete in Whitby, recently took part in a Diocesan Vocations Roadshow, alongside Sister Linda and Sister Helen. Here she shares insights from the day, as well as reflecting on the pattern of the religious life.**

“It has always been a tradition for religious houses to welcome guests. This is a way in which we show love for other people and we ourselves are enriched by their presence” (OHP Rule).

Monasteries were the Premier Inns of the Ancient World; sited along the Pilgrim Routes and Trade Routes, they picked and transmitted the news (and often the politics and wealth!) of those who passed through them. Eddies of Christianity and its controversies ebbed and flowed with movers and shakers, missionaries, preachers and traders. Many religious communities are finding that their current call is to a renewal of Hospitality; there is a deep need for oases in modern life. So, how does that fit OHP into the Diocese of York?

When in doubt, consult Google! And guess what AI comes up with....?

Quote:.... the Church of England (C of E) is placing a strong emphasis on pilgrimage, particularly in the North, with initiatives to designate more churches as "Pilgrim Places". So, St Hilda's Priory will now be a (recognised!) Pilgrim Place!

We look forward to your visit...

But Hospitality is also received in the sharing with others. Three Sisters attended The Archdeaconry of Cleveland's Vocations Road Show in Middlesbrough. With more than 50 attendees, the day was a wonderful mix of those delivering training, those in training and interested potential participants, sharing stories, exchanging details and leaving energised and with new companions for their journeys. Hospitality is Sharing. There was a custom among the Scottish Presbyterian churches that when a Church member visited another Church, they left a printed visiting card, and took a Church card back with them. St Paul would have approved. We give thanks for the many with whom we get to share. To quote Annie Dillard "A generous Spirit signs on this motley crew!" Motley, maybe, but fun!!

**Church of England:**

Diocese in Europe, Bishop Robert Innes, Bishop Andrew Norman

**Church of Sweden:**

Diocese of Visby, Bishop Erik Eckerdal

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark:**

Diocese of Copenhagen, Bishop Peter Skov-Jakobsen

**South African  
Mothers' Union**

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

**Sun 21** **The Third Sunday after Trinity; also Father's Day**

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 South India (United)

**Mon 22** **Calendar of Saints: Alban, first Martyr of Britain, c. 250**

**Pray for:** Order of the Holy Paraclete; also Windrush day honouring the contribution of migrants to post-war UK economic recovery

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

**Tues 23** **Calendar of Saints: Etheldreda, Abbess of Ely, c. 678**

**Pray for:** St Thomas, Brompton; All Saints, Deighton; St Lawrence, East Rounton; St Oswald, West Rounton; St Leonard, Welbury

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Akure – The Church of Nigeria

**Weds 24** **Calendar: The Birth of John the Baptist; Ember Day**

**Pray for:** Leake, Osmotherley & Hillside Parishes (1); Holy Trinity, Boltby; St Michael, Cowesby; St Oswald, East Harlsey; St Felix, Felixkirk; All Saints, Ingleby Arncliffe

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Alabama – The Episcopal Church

**Thurs 25** **Pray for:** Leake, Osmotherley & Hillside Parishes (2); St Wilfrid, Kirkby Knowle; St Mary, Leake; All Saints, Nether Silton; St Peter, Osmotherley; St Mary, Over Silton

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Alaska – The Episcopal Church

**Fri 26** **Calendar: Ember Day**

**Pray for:** All Saints, Northallerton; St Lawrence, Kirby Sigston; St James, Romanby also Victims of Torture Day

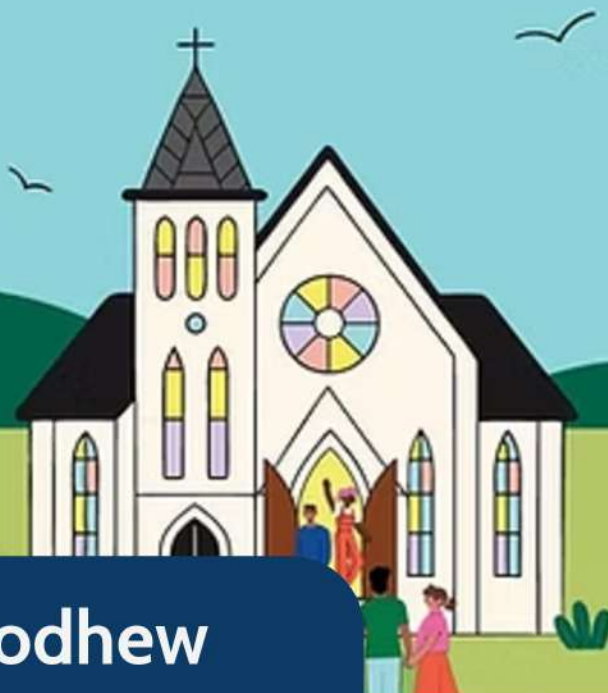
**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of St Albans – The Church of England

**Sat 27** **Calendar of Saints: Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher, 444; Ember Day**

**Pray for:** Ordination of Deacons and Priests; and all ordained ministers in the Diocese

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Albany – The Episcopal Church

# The Quiet Revival



## The Revd David Goodhew reflects on The Quiet Revival

**The Revd David Goodhew recently attended a conference hosted by the Church Times, reflecting on recent research from The Bible Society entitled 'The Quiet Revival'.**

The Quiet Revival is the title of a Bible Society report. It argues, from opinion polls, that there is an upswing in interest in Christian faith amongst young adults in Britain. The Church Times recently held a day conference on this theme.

So, what is happening? Conference speakers, drawn from across the CofE, spoke of a definite upswing in interest, noticeably from those aged 18 to 30. This is particularly visible in major urban centres, like London and areas of high ethnic diversity. But it can be found across the board. The North Hampshire Downs Benefice is deeply rural. It faces the question of how multiple churches with few stipendiary clergy can grow. But it is managing to do that. The Revd Arwen Folks spoke of how St Mary's Eastbourne is seeing growth within a eucharistic context, and Fr Stephen Langridge saw the same thing within a Roman Catholic context.

Themes that came out included the need to give people 'full-fat' faith, which deep dives into theology, not a 'skimmed' variety; to engage with the digital world; pay great attention to worship – whatever style of worship it is.

Belonging is huge in a world where many are deeply lonely and confused. But belonging by itself is not enough – the gospel will always challenge us to believe.

The Revd Simon Butler, rector of the North Downs benefice said, for me, the most powerful comment; that we should stop obsessing about what we do not have and look at what we do have and see how God might use that. There are struggles aplenty in the church, but the God of Jesus Christ is a God of resurrection.

Find out more about The Quiet Revival research here:  
[www.biblesociety.org.uk/research/quiet-revival](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/research/quiet-revival)

**Church of England:**

Diocese of Lincoln, Nicholas Chamberlain, Bishop of Grantham and  
Acting Bishop of Lincoln, Jean Burgess, Bishop of Grimsby

**Church of Sweden:**

Diocese of Härnösand, Bishop Teresia Boström

**Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland:**

Diocese of Lapua, Bishop Matti Salomäki

**Archdeaconry of Elsie River;**

Diocese of Saldanha Bay

**Porvoo Communion**

**South Africa Diocesan Link**

**Sun 28 The Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

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.

**Anglican Communion:** The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

**Mon 29 Calendar of Saints: Peter and Paul, Apostles**

**Pray for:** St Mary, Bagby; St Mary, Kilburn; St Oswald, Sowerby; All Saints, Thirkleby, St Cuthbert, Sessay

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Algoma – The Anglican Church of Canada

**Tues 30 Pray for: St Michael & All Angels, North Otterington; St Andrew, South Otterington; St Leonard, Thornton-le-Street**

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of All Saints – The Anglican Church of Kenya

**Weds 1 Calendar: Henry, John and Henry Venn the Younger, Priests, Evangelical Divines, 1797, 1813 and 1873**

**Pray for:** St Leonard, Sandhutton; St Wilfrid, South Kilvington; St Mary, Thirsk; St Lawrence, Carlton Miniott

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

**Thurs 2 Pray for: Mission Room, Baldersby; St James, Baldersby; St John the Evangelist, Dalton; Mission Room, Rainton; St Columba, Topcliffe**

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Amazônia – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

**Fri 3 Calendar of Saints: Thomas the Apostle**

**Pray for:** Schools within the Mowbray Deanery; Dishforth CE Primary School; Knayton CE Primary School; Sessay CE Primary School; South Kilvington CE Primary School; South Otterington CE Primary School; Topcliffe CE Primary School, Queen Mary's School, Baldersby

**Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Vanuatu – The Anglican Church of Melanesia

**Sat 4 Pray for: St Ricarius, Aberford; St James, Lotherton; St Mary, Micklefield; also 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the USA**

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



## 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)

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