

## 1 Saturday

*Brigid, abbess of Kildare, c.525*

- **Anglican Communion:**  
**Diocese of Lomega (South Sudan)**  
Abp Onesimo Yugusuk
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
Area Dean: Ian Flintoft  
Lay Chair: Lynne Craggs
- **The Mothers' Union:**  
For all MU members in the Newcastle Diocese and their service to support their churches.

### This coming week ...

*'... for my eyes have seen your salvation ...'*  
(Luke 2.30)

Simeon's beautiful, poignant song is filled with hopefulness, his eyes having gazed upon the wonder of God lying in his arms; let's pray that our patient perseverance in prayer may be renewed and continue to pray that the eyes of those who do not yet know Jesus are opened to recognize his wonder.

## 2 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE or CANDLEMAS

- **Porvoo Communion:**  
Diocese of Bangor (Wales)  
Diocese of Dublin and Glendalough (Ireland)
- **Anglican Communion:**  
**The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia**  
Primates: Don Tamihere, Justin Duckworth and Sione Ulu'ilakepa
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
Deanery Secretary: Pauline Seddon  
Finance Officer: David Lea

## 3 Monday

Anskar, archbishop of Hamburg, missionary in Denmark and Sweden, 865

- **Anglican Communion:**  
**Diocese of London** Bp Sarah Mullally

- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
**Benefice of Bedlington, Cambois and Sleekburn**  
Vicar: *vacant*  
Readers: Joseph Lawrie and Susan Ramshaw Readers (PTO) Anne Wager Bradley and Jane Clarke
- Bedlington Whitley Memorial C of E First School

## 4 Tuesday

*Gilbert of Sempringham, founder of the Gilbertine Order, 1189*

- **Anglican Communion:**  
**Diocese of Long Island (ECUSA)**  
Bp Lawrence C Provenzano
- **Bedlington Deanery**  
St Cuthbert's Church, Bedlington

## 5 Wednesday

- **Anglican Communion:**  
**Diocese of Los Angeles (ECUSA)**  
Bp John Harvey Taylor
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
St Andrew's Church, Cambois

## 6 Thursday

*The Martyrs of Japan, 1597*

- **Anglican Communion**  
**Diocese of Louisiana (ECUSA)**  
Bp Shannon Rogers Duckworth
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
St John the Evangelist Church, Sleekburn
- **Praying for Unity:**  
For all preparing ecumenical courses and events for Lent and Passiontide

## 7 Friday

- **Anglican Communion:**  
**Diocese of Western Louisiana (ECUSA)**  
Bp Jacob Wayne Owensby
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
**Benefice of Blyth St Cuthbert**  
Vicar: *vacant*  
Reader (PTO): Lynne Craggs

## 8 Saturday

- **Anglican Communion:**  
**Diocese of Laupula** (*Central Africa*)  
Bp Robert Mumbi
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
**Benefice of Blyth St Mary**  
Vicar: Catherine Macpherson

### **This coming week ...**

*'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing.'* (Luke 5.5)

Many of us might identify with Simon's weary protest after a futile night's work; let's pray for ourselves, or for others disillusioned at this time, that we might have our perspectives changed and challenged by Jesus' presence with us and be strengthened to continue to follow him, and on this Racial Justice Sunday for all who persevere with this vital work.

## 9 **FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT** **Racial Justice Sunday**

- **Porvoo Communion:**  
Diocese of Worcester  
Diocese of Hamar (*Church of Norway*)
- **The Anglican Church of Australia**  
Primate: Most Revd Geoffrey Smith
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
**Benefice of Choppington St Paul the Apostle**  
Vicar: Terry Moat

## 10 Monday

*Scholastica, sister of Benedict, abbess of Plombariola, c.543*

- **Anglican Communion:**  
**Diocese of Lucknow** (*North India*)  
Bp Peter Baldev
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
Church of St Paul the Apostle,  
Choppington

*The General Synod meets today until Friday. Please pray for all entrusted with the leadership of the Church, and especially those representing our diocese.*

## 11 Tuesday

*Caedmon of Whitby, poet, 680 [CNS]*

- **Anglican Communion:**

**Diocese of Lui** (*South Sudan*)  
Abp Stephen Dokolo Ismail Mbalah

- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
Holy Family Church, Stakeford

## 12 Wednesday

*Ethelwold of Lindisfarne, 740 [CNS] \**

- **Anglican Communion:**  
**Diocese of Lusaka** (*Central Africa*)  
Most Revd Albert Chama
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
**Benefice of Cramlington**  
Team Rector: *vacant*  
Team Vicar: David Gray  
Reader: John Brierley  
Readers (PTO): Elizabeth Allen and Barry Stewart
- \* Canon Sarah Hills, Vicar of Holy Island

## 13 Thursday

- **Anglican Communion:**  
**The Lusitanian Church** (*Extra Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury*)
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
St Nicholas' Church, Cramlington
- Cragside C of E First School, Cramlington
- **Praying for Unity:**  
For the Church leaders of all denominations in the North East

## 14 Friday

*Cyril and Methodius, missionaries to the Slavs, 869 and 885*

*Valentine, martyr at Rome, c.269*

- **Anglican Communion:**  
**Diocese of Luwero** (*Uganda*)  
Bp Eridard Kironde Nsubuga
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
St Peter's Church, Northburn School,  
Cramlington

## 15 Saturday

*Sigfrid, bishop, apostle of Sweden, 1045*

*Thomas Bray, priest, founder of SPCK and SPG, 1730*

- **Anglican Communion:**  
**Diocese of Northern Luzon** (*Philippines*)  
Bp Hilary Ayban Pasikan, Jr
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
**Benefice of Delaval**

Priest in Charge: David Atkinson  
Reader: Christina Malvern (PTO)

### **This coming week ...**

**'Blessed are you ... yours is the kingdom ... you will be filled ... you will laugh.'** (Luke 6.20-21)

This week take one, or all, of these promises in Jesus' Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel, and pray them for those in your local community, in your church and in your friends and family.

## **16 THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

- **Porvoo Communion:**  
Diocese of Roskilde (*Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark*)  
Diocese of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe (*Ireland*)
- **Anglican Communion:**  
**The Church of Bangladesh**  
Moderator: Most Revd Samuel Sunil Mankhin
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
Church of Our Lady, Delaval

## **17 Monday**

Janani Luwum, archbishop of Uganda, martyr, 1977

*Finan of Lindisfarne, bishop, 661 [CNS]\**

- **Anglican Communion:**  
**Diocese of Lweru (Tanzania)**  
Bp /Godfrey Mbelwa
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
St Michael and All Angels' Church, New Hartley
- \* *vacant canonry*

## **18 Tuesday**

*Colman of Lindisfarne, bishop, 679 [CNS] \**

- **Anglican Communion:**  
**Missionary Area of Macau (Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui)**  
Abp Andrew Chan
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
St Paul's Church, Seaton Sluice
- \* Canon Allan Marks

## **19 Wednesday**

- **Anglican Communion:**  
**Diocese of Machakos (Kenya)**  
Bp Joseph Mutungi
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
**Benefice of Newsham and Horton**  
St Bede's Church, Newsham  
Vicar: Ian Flintoft  
Assistant Curates: Sion Hughes Carew (to 21/2) and James Bartle  
Reader: Yvonne Knibbs

*Please pray for all the members of the Bishop's Council which meets today.*

## **20 Thursday**

- **Anglican Communion:**  
**Diocese of Maciene (Angola & Mozambique)**  
Bp Agostinho Roberto Buque
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
Church of St Mary the Virgin, Horton
- **Praying for Unity**  
For all involved in the planning and implementation of this year's 'Thy Kingdom Come' programme in May-June

## **21 Friday**

- **Anglican Communion:**  
**Diocese of Madhya Kerala (South India)**  
Most Revd Thomas Kanjirappally Oommen
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
**Benefice of St Benedict, Cowpen**  
Vicar: *vacant*

## **22 Saturday**

- **Anglican Communion:**  
**Diocese of Madi and West Nile (Uganda)**  
Bp Charles Collins Andaku
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
**Benefice of Killingworth**  
Priest in charge: Sarah Moon  
Readers: Hilary Elder and Frances Pattison (PTO)

**This Prayer Diary can be downloaded each month from the Newcastle diocesan website:**  
[www.newcastle.anglican.org/prayerdiary](http://www.newcastle.anglican.org/prayerdiary)

### **This coming week ...**

**'Where is your faith?'** (Luke 8.25)

Perhaps Jesus' challenge seems unfair for the disciples facing imminent danger, but in the midst of all the storms of conflict, politics and climate crisis that beset our world it's a reminder of what, or who, really counts; let's pray then for peace and for our increased faith in the Peace Maker.

## **23 SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

- **Porvoo Communion:**  
Diocese of Peterborough  
Diocese of Meath and Kildare (*Ireland*)
- **Anglican Communion:**  
**Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil**  
Primate: Most Revd Marinez Rosa Dos Santos Bassotto
- **Bedlington Deanery**  
**Benefice of Seghill**  
Priest in Charge: David Atkinson  
Reader Emeritus: Christine Bryars

## **24 Monday**

- **Anglican Communion:**  
**Diocese of Madras** (*South India*)  
Bp in charge: Sharma Nithyanandam
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
St Mary's Church, Holywell

## **25 Tuesday**

- **Anglican Communion:**  
**Diocese of Madurai-Ramnad** (*South India*)  
Bp Jeyasingh Deva Sahayam Prabhakaran
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
Holy Trinity Church, Seghill

## **26 Wednesday**

- **Anglican Communion:**  
**Diocese of Magwi** (*South Sudan*)  
Bp James Primo
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
**Benefice of Weetslade**  
Vicar: *vacant*  
Reader: Shirley Morgan

## **27 Thursday**

George Herbert, priest, poet, 1633

- **Anglican Communion:**  
**Diocese of Mahajanga** (*Indian Ocean*)  
Bp Darrell Critch
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
Church of the Good Shepherd, Burradon
- **Praying for Unity**  
For all churches in the United Reformed tradition in our region

## **28 Friday**

Herefrith, abbot of Lindisfarne, 689 [CNS]

- **Anglican Communion:**  
**Diocese of Maiduguri** (*Nigeria*)  
Bp-elect Emmanuel Morris
- **Bedlington Deanery:**  
St Paul's Church, Dudley

## About this month's Prayer Diary

We continue to include in the Prayer Diary all those commemorated in **Celebrating the Northern Saints**, [CNS] and to remember our lay, residentiary and honorary canons on the day of the saints and influential people who have given their canonry its designation and/or stall in the Cathedral.

**Each week**, there is a short stimulus to prayer, normally based on the Sunday Gospel, to guide our next steps in **Seeking, Sharing, Sending**. We are grateful to Bishop Mark for these reflections

**ON SUNDAYS**, we follow a well-established pattern:

- First are intercessions for the Porvoo Communion (<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/resources/493/porvoo-prayer-diary-2025>). The Porvoo Declaration commits the churches which have signed it to “share a common life” and “to pray for and with one another.”
- Second are intercessions from the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, available at [www.anglicancommunion.org](http://www.anglicancommunion.org). Prayers on Sundays are for a Province of the Communion.
- Thirdly we remember our own Diocese of Newcastle, and the Bedlington Deanery, their churches, people and organisations, including Church Schools.

**ON WEEKDAYS**, the pattern is similar on weekdays, but without the Porvoo Communion:

- Firstly, dioceses from the Anglican Cycle of Prayer
- Secondly, our own Diocese, and the people, parishes, churches and schools in Bedlington Deanery.
- On the first Thursday, we pray for the work of the Mothers' Union in the Diocese. On subsequent Thursdays we pray for Christian Unity.

We pray for our **Link Dioceses** as follows:

Botswana during January, April and October.

Møre during March, June and September.

Winchester during May, August and November.

The **Deaneries** are incorporated in the Prayer Diary in such a way as to include the **Benefices** (with names of ordained and lay ministers) and also, for benefices with more than one church, the constituent **churches**, in order that every congregation – and the local community in which it is set – can be remembered at least once during the year.

January	Morpeth (cont.) and Norham	July	Newcastle East
February	Bedlington	August	Newcastle West
March	Bellingham	September	Tynemouth
April	Corbridge	October	Alnwick
May	Hexham	November	Bamburgh & Glendale
June	Newcastle Central	December	Morpeth

I try to mark important days in the life of the Diocese (e.g. Diocesan Synods, Institutions and Licensings, ecumenical occasions) with a special note, but can only do so if I have the information early in the previous month. **Please don't hesitate to send me information and prompts in good time.**

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