

1 Saturday

David, bishop of Menevia, patron of Wales, c.601

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Maine (ECUSA)
Bp Thomas J Brown
- **Diocese of Møre:**
Bishop Ingeborg Midttømme
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley, Bishop of Newcastle

This week ...

'And they kept silent ...' (Luke 9.36)

We talk about being stunned into silence, and that is certainly the experience of the three disciples at Jesus' transfiguration; in our often noisy world and busy church, let's pray that we might be stunned into silence in our worship more often by the radiant presence of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Canterbury
Diocese of Down and Dromore (Church of Ireland)
- **Anglican Communion:**
The Anglican Church of Burundi
Primate: Abp Sixbert Macumi
- **Diocese of Møre:**
The Diocesan Council
Chair: Arnt-Ove Tenfjord
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
Bishop Mark Wroe, Bishop of Berwick

3 Monday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Maiwut (South Sudan)
Bp Peter Hatbel Kunen Lual
- **Diocese of Møre:**
Diocesan Director: Bjørn Olaf Storhaug

- **Bellingham Deanery:**

Area Dean: Sarah Lunn

Lay Chair: Alice Murray

Please pray for the people of Christ Church and St Augustin's, North Shields, this evening as Bishop Mark institutes Dan McCarthy as Team Rector of North Shields.

4 Tuesday

Bernard Gilpin, priest, 'Apostle of the North', 1583
[CNS]

Owine, companion and biographer of Chad, c.670
[CNS]

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Makamba (Burundi)
Bp Martin Nyaboho
- **Diocese of Møre:**
Diocesan Office Manager: Elin Næsje Sætre
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
Deanery Secretary: *vacant*
Finance Officer: *vacant*



5 ASH WEDNESDAY

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Makueni (Kenya)
Bp Francis Mboya Matui
- **Diocese of Møre:**
Department of Ministry:
Head: Maria Vassali Gjære
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
Benefice of Lower North Tyne
Vicar: Sarah Lunn
Associate Priest: Claire Maxim
Readers: James Feeley and Melanie Wilkinson

6 Thursday

Baldred, hermit, and Billifrith, hermit and jeweller of the Lindisfarne Gospels, 8th cent. [CNS]

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese Makurdi (Nigeria)
Bp Nathan Nyitar Inyom
- **Diocese of Møre:**
Adviser for Culture: John Erik Brakstad
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
St Giles' Church, Birtley
- **The Mothers' Union:**
For MU trustees as they lead the work of members in our Diocese, that they may touch the lives of families in our communities.

7 Friday

Perpetua, Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage, 203

Admiral Lord Collingwood, naval commander, 1810 [CNS] *

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Malabar (South India)
Bp Royce Manoj Victor
- **Diocese of Møre:**
Adviser for Diakonia: Eline Elnes Rabbevåg
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
St Giles' Church, Chollerton
- Chollerton C of E First School
- * vacant canonry

8 Saturday

Edward King, bishop of Lincoln, 1910

Felix, bishop, apostle to the East Angles, 647

Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, priest, poet, 1929

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Malaita (Melanesia)
Bp Michael Bebeu
- **Diocese of Møre:**
Adviser for Catechesis: Bente Wangensteen
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
St Aidan's Church, Thockrington

Please pray for all the members of the Diocesan Synod meeting today.

This Prayer Diary can be downloaded each month from the Newcastle diocesan website:
www.newcastle.anglican.org/prayerdiary

This week ...

'Jesus ... was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ...' (Luke 4.1)

Christian faith does not avoid the difficult places, and Lent is a reminder that it is often the challenging times we discover the Spirit of God guiding, comforting and blessing us; let's pray this Lent would deepen the Church's experience of the Holy Spirit at work within us.

9 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Chelmsford
Diocese of Karlstad (Church of Sweden)
- **Anglican Communion:**
The Anglican Church of Canada
Acting Primate: Most Revd Anne Germond
- **Diocese of Møre:**
Adviser for Church Affairs (Theology, Mission, Links): Marie Marti Høgset
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
St Christopher's Church, Gunnerton

10 Monday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Malakai (South Sudan)
Bp Joseph Atem
- **Diocese of Møre:**
Adviser on Church Buildings:
Svein Magne Harnes
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
St Peter's Church, Humshaugh
- Humshaugh C of E First School

11 Tuesday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Lake Malawi (Central Africa)
Bp Francis Kaulanda
- **Diocese of Møre:**
Department of Personnel:
Head: Anne-Marit Hagelund
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
St Mungo's Church, Simonburn

12 Wednesday

Ember Day

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Northern Malawi (Central Africa)
Bp Fanuel Emmanuel Magangani

- **Diocese of Møre:**
Personnel Advisors: Lars Skagestad and Siv Brudevoll
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
St Michael's Church, Wark
- Wark C of E First School

13 Thursday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Southern Malawi (*Central Africa*)
Bp: Alinafe Kalemba
- **Diocese of Møre: Northern Sunnmøre Deanery:**
Parishes of Sandøy and Haram
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
Benefice: North Tyne and Redesdale Team
Priest in Charge: Claire Maxim
Associate Priest: Sarah Lunn
Reader PTO: Michael Nixon
- **Praying for Unity:**
For the healing of all the divisions within the Anglican Communion.

14 Friday Ember Day

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of West Malaysia (*South East Asia*)
Bp D Steven Abbarrow
- **Diocese of Møre: Northern Sunnmøre Deanery:**
Parishes of Fjøtoft and Brattvåg
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
St Cuthbert's Church, Bellingham

15 Saturday Ember Day

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Malek (*South Sudan*)
Bp Peter Joh Abraham Mayom
- **Diocese of Møre, Northern Sunnmøre Deanery:**
Parishes of Vatne, Hamnsund and Giske
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
St Cuthbert's Church, Corsenside and All Saints' Church, West Woodburn

This week ...

'Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way ...' (Luke 13.33)

The way ahead for Jesus is starting to get dark, even though it's his usual opponents, the Pharisees, warning him of danger – yet he knows his way must take him to the cross; let's pray for all who walk a dangerous or dark path for whatever reason, that they will know the Saviour who walks with and before them and lightens their path..

16 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia
Diocese of Lichfield
Diocese of St David's (*Wales*)
- **Anglican Communion:**
Province of Central Africa
Primate: Most Revd Albert Chama
- **Diocese of Møre, Northern Sunnmøre Deanery:**
Parish of Valderøy, Vifra and Geiranger
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
St Cuthbert's Church, Elsdon

17 Monday

Patrick, bishop, missionary, patron of Ireland, c.460

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Malek Rup
Bp Peter Marial Agok
- **Diocese of Møre, Northern Sunnmøre Deanery:**
Parishes of Liabygda, Norddal and Stordal
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
St Peter's Church, Falstone

18 Tuesday

Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem, teacher of the faith, 386

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Malindi (*Kenya*)
Bp Maurice Dena
- **Diocese of Møre, Northern Sunnmøre Deanery:**
Parishes of Stranda, Sunnlyven and Sula
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
St Aidan's Church, Thorneyburn

19 JOSEPH OF NAZARETH

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Te Pihopatanga o Te Manawa o Te Wheke (Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia)
Bp Donald Tamihere
- **Diocese of Møre, Northern Sunnmøre Deanery:**
Parishes of Ikornnes and Sykkylven
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
St Francis' Church, Byrness

20 Thursday

Cuthbert, bishop of Lindisfarne, missionary, 687 [CNS] *

Herbert of Derwentwater, 687 [CNS] **

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Manchester
Bp David Walker
- **Diocese of Møre, Outer Nordmøre Deanery:**
Area Dean: Sindre Stabell Kulø
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
Holy Trinity Church, Horsley
- * Archdeacon Rachel Wood
- ** Canon Jennifer Cooper, Director of Initial Ministerial Education (IME) Phase 2
- **Praying for Unity**
For all Roman Catholic congregations and their priests in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

21 Friday

Thomas Cranmer, archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation martyr, 1556

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Mandalay (Myanmar)
Bp David Nyi Nyi Naing
- **Diocese of Møre, Outer Nordmøre Deanery:**
Parishes of Kristiansund and Nordlandet
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
Church of St John the Baptist, Otterburn

22 Saturday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Manicaland (Central Africa)
Bp Erick Ruwona
- **Diocese of Møre, Outer Nordmøre Deanery:**
Parishes of Frei, Kvernes and Bremsnes
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all who provide support in placements for those in training as clergy or Readers

This week ...

'Do you think ... they were worse sinners ...?' (Luke 13.2)

Terrible things happen to good people – our gospel reminds us that wrestling with questions of suffering and its cruel randomness are not limited to our day; let's pray for those we know suffering now, and remember ourselves that though Scripture seldom offers us quick answers or solutions, this gospel calls us to return ('repent') to face Jesus and to search out an unexpected fruitfulness.

23 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Lund (Church of Sweden)
Diocese of Cashel, Ossory and Ferns (Ireland)
Diocese of Ely
- **Anglican Communion:**
Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America
Primate: Most Revd Juan David Alvarado Meigar
- **Diocese of Møre, Outer Nordmøre Deanery:**
Parishes of Kornstad, Aure and Stemshaug
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
St George's Church, Wall

Please pray for all gathering at the Cathedral today as Bishop Helen-Ann licenses Dean Kelly Brown Douglas as our first Anglican Communion Canon

24 Monday

Walter Hilton of Thurgarten, Augustinian canon, mystic, 1396

Oscar Romero, archbishop of San Salvador, martyr, 1980

- **Anglican Communion:**
Maper (South Sudan)
Bp Alfred Cooper
- **Diocese of Møre, Outer Nordmøre Deanery:**
Parishes of Tustna and Edøy
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
St Oswald's Church Heavenfield

25 ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Mara (Tanzania)

Bp George Okoth

- **Diocese of Møre, Outer Nordmøre Deanery:**
Parishes of Brattvær and Hopen
- **Bellingham Deanery:**
St Mary's Church, Bingfield

26 Wednesday

Harriet Monsell, founder of the Community of St John the Baptist, 1883

- **Anglican Communion:**
The Diocese of Maralai (Kenya)
Bp Jacob Lesuuda
- **Diocese of Møre, Inner Romsdal Deanery:**
Parishes of Grytten, Hen and Eid & Holm
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
Rachel Wood, Archdeacon of Northumberland

27 Thursday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Marathwada (Noth India)
Bp Madhukar Kasab
- **Diocese of Møre, Inner Nordmøre Deanery:**
Area Dean: Vidar Wilhelmsen Rygh
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
Catherine Sourbut Groves, Archdeacon of Lindisfarne
- **Praying for Unity:**
For all preparing united acts of worship and witness this coming Passiontide

28 Friday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Maridi (South Sudan)
Bp Moses Zungo
- **Diocese of Møre, Inner Nordmøre Deanery:**
Parishes of Tingvoll and Straumsnes
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
Pray for Stephen Tranter, Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Vocations

29 Saturday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Marsabit (Kenya)
Bp Daniel Qampicha
- **Diocese of Møre, Inner Nordmøre Deanery:**
Parishes of Gjemnes, Øre and Hov

- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
Pray for the Hon. Assistant Bishops:
Bp Stephen Platten, Bp John Packer and
Bp Mark Bryant

This week ...

'But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion;'
(Luke 15.20)

This Sunday is a special celebration of the compassion of mothers and of all who care for us; let's celebrate that compassion and pray for those who offer us care as well as for our own refreshing in the God who is all compassion, who sees us and runs to greet us.

30 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mothering Sunday

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Armagh (Church of Ireland)
Diocese of Funen (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark)
- **Anglican Communion:**
Province de l'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
Primate: Abp Georges Titre Ande
- **Diocese of Møre, Inner Nordmøre Deanery:**
Parishes of Romfo, Øksendal and Ålvundeid
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all whose work is based at Church House, Percy Main

31 Monday

John Donne, priest, poet, 1631

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Maryland (ECUSA)
Bp Carrie Schofield-Broadbent
- **Diocese of Møre, Inner Nordmøre Deanery:**
Parishes of Mo, Stangvik and Todalen
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all whose work is based at Bishop's House in Newcastle

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. Prayers on Sundays are for a Province of the Communion.
- Thirdly we remember our link Diocese of Møre in Norway
- Fourthly, we pray for our own Diocese of Newcastle, especially the Bellingham 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, the Diocese of Møre in Norway
- our own Diocese, and the people, parishes, churches and schools in Bellingham 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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