

1 PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Del Norte de México (*La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico*)
Bp Oscar Pulido Garcia
- **Hexham Deanery:**
Area Dean: Stephen Wright
- **The Mothers' Union**
Pray for Lorna Beadle and her team who lead The Mothers' Union Prayer Chain

2 Friday

Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria, teacher of the faith, 373

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Michigan (ECUSA)
Bp Bonnie Perry
- **Hexham Deanery:** Lay Chair: John Mitchell
A group from the diocese is travelling today until 9th May to our Link Diocese of Botswana to join the ordinations of the first women to be ordained there.

3 Saturday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Eastern Michigan (ECUSA)
Bp vacant
- **Hexham Deanery:**
Secretary: vacant
Finance Officer: vacant

This week ...

'...but that hight they caught nothing.'
(John 21.3)

Things don't change overnight for the disciples after the resurrection, they are not immune to frustration and disappointment and they have to learn to allow the presence of the risen Jesus to transform their faith and life; let's pray that we might do the same, especially when we feel like we've worked hard and caught nothing.

4 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Southwark
Diocese of Björgvin (*Church of Norway*)
- **Anglican Communion:**
The Church of Ireland
Primates: Abp John McDowell and Abp Eamon Martin
- **Hexham Deanery:**
Benefice of Allendale with Whitfield
Priest in Charge: Martin Naylor

5 Monday

*Eadbert of Lindisfarne, 698 [CNS] **

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Northern Michigan (ECUSA)
Bp Rayford Jeffrey Ray
- **Hexham Deanery:**
St Cuthbert's Church, Allendale
- * Canon David Glover, Rector of Hexham

6 Tuesday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Western Michigan (ECUSA)
Engaged in a process of merger
- **Hexham Deanery:**
St Mark's Church, Ninebanks

7 Wednesday

*John of Beverley, bishop, 721 [CNS] **

- **Anglican Communion:**
Missionary District of Micronesia (ECUSA)
Bp vacant
- **Hexham Deanery:**
Holy Trinity Church, Whitfield and St John's Church, Whitfield
- * Canon Ian Flintoft, Vicar of Newsham and Horton

8 Thursday

Julian of Norwich, spiritual writer, c.1417

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Milwaukee (ECUSA)
Bp Matthew Gunter
- **Hexham Deanery:**
Benefice of Alston Moor
Vicar: Mark Nash Williams
Readers: Richard Pattison and Richard Glover (PTO)
- **Praying for Unity:**
For Street Pastors projects throughout our region

Please pray for all those involved in the VE Day 80th Anniversary Commemorations taking place across the diocese.

9 Friday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Minna (Nigeria)
Abp Daniel Abu Yisa
- **Hexham Deanery:**
St Augustine's Church, Alston

10 Saturday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Minnesota (ECUSA)
Bp Craig Loya
- **Hexham Deanery:**
St John's Church, Garrigill

This week ...

'How long will you keep us in suspense?'
(John 10.24)

People wanted Jesus to say plainly who he was and not leave them waiting any longer; let's pray for all those who we are waiting for to come to faith, longing that they might recognise Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

11 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mary Astell, feminist social reformer, 1731
[CNS] *

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Gloucester
Diocese of Västerås (Church of Sweden)
- **Anglican Communion:**
The Nippon Sei Ko Kai
Primate: Most Revd David Eisho Uehara

- **Hexham Deanery:**
Holy Paraclete Church, Kirkhaugh
- * Jane Lowdon

12 Monday

Christian Aid Week begins today

Gregory Dix, priest, monk, scholar, 1952

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Mishamikoweesh (Canada)
Bp Lydia Mamakwa
- **Hexham Deanery:**
St Jude's Church, Knaresdale

13 Tuesday

- **Anglican Communion:**
The Missionary District (Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil)
Bp: no information available
- **Hexham Deanery:**
St Mary and St Patrick's Church, Lambley

14 MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Mississippi (ECUSA)
Bp Dorothy Sanders Wells
- **Hexham Deanery:**
St John's Church, Nenthead

15 Thursday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Missouri (ECUSA)
Bp Deon K Johnson
- **Hexham Deanery:**
Benefice of Haltwhistle and Greenhead and Beltingham with Henshaw
Priest in Charge: Stephen Wright
Reader: Tim Burdon
- **Praying for Unity:**
For all the congregations in our region which share staff, buildings, worship and community life with others.

16 Friday

Caroline Chisholm, Social Reformer, 1877

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of West Missouri (ECUSA)
Bp Diane Jardine Bruce
- **Hexham Deanery:**
St Cuthbert's Church, Greenhead
- Greenhead C of E First School

17 Saturday

Christian Aid Week ends today

- **The Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Mityana (Uganda)
Abp Stephen Kazimba
- **Hexham Deanery:**
Holy Cross Church, Haltwhistle

This week ...

'I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.' (John 13.34)

Jesus gives this commandment in the context of Judas having just left to betray him, such is his death-defying, hope-bringing, life-transforming love for us; let's pray that this 'new commandment' might refresh and re-invigorate our life and witness today.

18 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Guildford
Diocese of Viborg (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark)
- **Anglican Communion:**
The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East
Presiding Bishop: Hosam Naoum
- **Hexham Deanery:**
All Hallows Church, Henshaw
- Henshaw C of E First School

19 Monday

Dunstan, archbishop of Canterbury, restorer of monastic life, 988

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Mombasa (Kenya)
Bp Alphonse Mwaro Baya
- **Hexham Deanery:**
St Cuthbert's Church, Beltingham

20 Tuesday

Alcuin of York, Deacon, abbot of Tours, 804

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Monmouth (Wales)
Bp: Cherry Vann
- **Benefice of Haydon Bridge and Warden with Newbrough and St John Lee**
Rector: Ollie Dempsey

Associate Priest: Gill Alexander
Reader: Pamela Nobbs (PTO)

21 Wednesday

Helena, protector of the Holy Places, 330
Godric of Finchale, hermit and poet, [CNS]

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Montana (ECUSA)
Bp Martha Elizabeth Stebbins
- **Hexham Deanery:**
St Cuthbert's Church, Haydon Bridge and Haydon Old Church

22 Thursday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Montreal (Canada)
Bp Mary Irwin-Gibson
- **Hexham Deanery:**
Church of St Michael and All Angels, Warden
- **Praying for Unity:**
For the Newcastle District of the Methodist Church (Chair: Stephen Lindridge)

23 Friday

- **Anglican Communion**
Diocese of Moosonee (Canada)
Most Revd Anne Germond
- **Hexham Deanery:**
Church of St John of Beverley, St John Lee

24 Saturday

John and Charles Wesley, evangelists, hymn writers, 1791 and 1788

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness (Scotland) Bp Mark Strange
- **Hexham Deanery:**
St Peter's Church, Newbrough
- Newbrough C of E First School

This Week ...

'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.'
(John 14.27)

The words of Jesus on the eve of his death are the same as on the first evening of resurrection: Peace be with you! Let's pray that Christ's peace would continue to endure in our world and so transform lives and situations threatened by death that they might be embraced by the light and life that is not overcome by darkness.

25 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Venerable Bede, monk at Jarrow, scholar, historian, 735 *

- **Today is Anglican Communion Sunday**
- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Exeter
Diocese of Nord-Hålogaland (Church of Norway)
- **Anglican Communion:**
The Anglican Church of Kenya
Primate: Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit
- **Hexham Deanery:**
St Aidan's Church, Fourstones
- * Canon Rob Kelsey, Vicar of Norham, Priest in Charge of Cornhill and Branxton

26 Monday

Rogation Day

Augustine, first archbishop of Canterbury, 605
John Calvin, reformer, 1564
Philip Neri, founder of the Oratorians, spiritual guide, 1595

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Port Moresby (Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea)
Bp Denny Bray Guka
- **Hexham Deanery:**
Benefice of Hexham
Rector: David Glover
Assistant Curate: Abigail Harris
Readers: Julie Barham and Frances Stride

27 Tuesday

Rogation Day

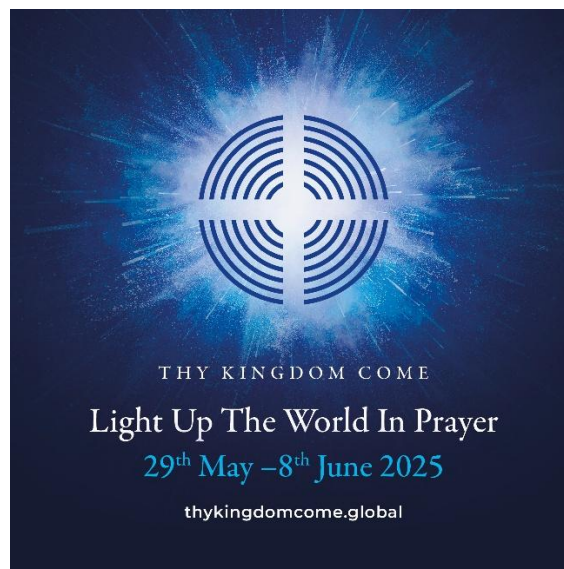
- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Morobo (South Sudan)
Bp Data Amosa Elinama
- **Hexham Deanery:**
Benefice of Whitley
Vicar: Andrew Patterson
- Whitley Chapel C of E First School

28 Wednesday

Rogation Day

Lanfranc, prior of Le Bec, archbishop of Canterbury, scholar, 1089

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Morogoro (Tanzania)
Bp Godfrey Sehaba
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all engaged in agriculture and the rural life of our Diocese.



29 ASCENSION DAY

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Mount Kenya Central (Kenya)
Bp Timothy Gichere
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For the Environment Working Group and for Tim Mayfield, Acting Bishop's Advisor for the Environment
- **Praying for Unity:**
For those engaged in national and international theological dialogue about the Eucharist

30 Friday

Josephine Butler, social reformer, 1906 [CNS] *
Joan of Arc, visionary, 1431
Apolo Kivebulaya, priest, evangelist in Central Africa, 1933

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Mount Kenya South (Kenya)
Bp Timothy Ranji
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For Stephen Tranter, Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Vocations, and the preparations for next month's ordinations
- * Canon Ruth Rogan

31 VISIT OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Mount Kenya West (Kenya)
Bp Joseph Kagunda
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
All those preparing for ordination this year

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 pray for our own Diocese of Newcastle, especially the Hexham 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 Hexham 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.

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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