

1 PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Central Ecuador (ECUSA)
Bp Juan Carlos Quiñonez
- **Diocese of Winchester:**
Philip Mounstephen, Bishop of Winchester
- **Hexham Deanery:**
Area Dean: Martin Naylor

Please pray today for the people of Tynemouth Deanery, and for Nigel Taylor, to be licensed as Area Dean by Bishop Helen-Ann.

2 Thursday

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

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Edinburgh (Scotland)
Bp John Armes
- **Diocese of Winchester:**
David Williams, Bishop of Basingstoke,
Geoff Annas, Acting Bishop of Southampton
- **Hexham Deanery:** Lay Chair: *John Mitchell*
- **The Mothers' Union**
Pray for Lorna Beadle and her team who lead The Mothers' Union Prayer Chain

3 Friday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Edmonton (Canada)
Bp Stephen London
- **Diocese of Winchester:**
Winchester Cathedral:
Catherine Ogle, Dean, and
Roland Riem, Mark Collinson and
Andy Trenier, Residentiary Canons
- **Hexham Deanery:**
Secretary: Philip Rutherford
Finance Officer: Tricia Arnold

4 Saturday

English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich
Bp Martin Seeley

- **Diocese of Winchester:**
Jean Burgess, Archdeacon of Bournemouth
Richard Brand, Archdeacon of Winchester
Gary Philbrick, Assistant Archdeacon
- **Hexham Deanery:**
Benefice of Allendale with Whitfield
Priest in Charge: Martin Naylor
Reader: Tim Burdon

This week ...

'And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last...' (John 15.16)

It's often difficult to spot the fruit God is growing in our lives, but let's pray that we might bear the fruit of the Spirit and have eyes to see this fruit in our lives, and in those we serve alongside, as well as in the communities we seek to serve.

5 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Eadbert of Lindisfarne, 696 [CNS] **

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Southwark
Diocese of Björgvin (*Church of Norway*)
- **Anglican Communion:**
Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil
Primate: Most Revd Marinez Rosa Dos Santos Bassotto
- **Diocese of Winchester:**
Colin Harbidge, Diocesan Secretary
- **Hexham Deanery:**
St Cuthbert's Church, Allendale
- * The Bishop of Berwick, Mark Wroe

6 Monday

Rogation Day

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Egba (Nigeria)
Bp Emmanuel Adekunle
- **Diocese of Winchester:**
Deanery of Christchurch:
Gary Philbrick, Area Dean
- **Hexham Deanery:**
St Mark's Church, Ninebanks

7 Tuesday

Rogation Day

John of Beverley, bishop, 721 [CNS] *

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Egba-West (Nigeria)
Bp Samuel oludele Ogundeji
- **Diocese of Winchester:**
Benefice of Christchurch
- **Hexham Deanery:**
Holy Trinity Church, Whitfield and
St John's Church, Whitfield
- * Canon Ian Flintoft, Vicar of Newsham and
Horton

Please pray today for Malcolm Railton and the residents and staff of the St Mary Magdalene and Holy Jesus Trust in Spital Tongues, as Malcolm is licensed as Chaplain by Bishop Mark.

8 Wednesday

Julian of Norwich, spiritual writer, c.1417

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Egbu (Nigeria)
Bp Geoffrey Enyinnaya Okorafor
- **Diocese of Winchester:**
Benefice of Fordingbridge and Hyde and
Breamore with Hale with Woodgreen
- **Hexham Deanery:**
Benefice of Alston Moor
Vicar: Mark Nash Williams
Readers: Andy Morsman, Richard Pattison
and Richard Glover (PTO)
Lay Minister: Lizzie Smith



Thy Kingdom Come in 2024

There is a range of resources available for personal and corporate use, including the Prayer Journal, from which our themes and Biblical texts have been taken.

9 ASCENSION DAY



Psalm 62:8

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Egypt (Alexandria)
Bp Samy Fawzy

- **Diocese of Winchester:**
Benefices of Highcliffe and Milton
- **Hexham Deanery:**
St Augustine's Church, Alston
- **Praying for Unity:**
For Street Pastors projects throughout our
region

10 Friday



The God who loves

John 15:4

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Eha-Amufu (Nigeria)
Bp Daniel Nkemjika Olinya
- **Diocese of Winchester:**
Benefice of New Forest Edge
- **Hexham Deanery:**
St John's Church, Garrigill

11 Saturday

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



The God who speaks

Galatians 2:20

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Ekiti (Nigeria)
Bp Christopher Tayo Omotunde
- **Diocese of Winchester:**
Benefice of Ringwood with Ellingham and
Harbridge and St Leonards and St Ives
- **Hexham Deanery:**
Holy Paraclete Church, Kirkhaugh
- * vacant

Please pray today for all the members of the Diocesan Synod which meets today.

12 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday after Ascension Day

Christian Aid Week begins today



The God who creates

Psalm 139: 1 & 4

This week ...

'I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.' (John 17.15)

Jesus' prayer for his disciples is also our urgent prayer for all Christians in all generations; let's pray for the protection of our sisters and brothers in those places of violence and oppression where faith and lives are under threat.

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Gloucester
Diocese of Västerås (Church of Sweden)
- **Anglican Communion:**
The Anglican Church of Burundi
Primate: Abp Sixbert Macumi
- **Diocese of Winchester:**
The River Mude Benefice
- **Hexham Deanery:**
St Jude's Church, Knaresdale

13 Monday



The God who gives

Psalm 136:1

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Ekiti Kwara (Nigeria)
Bp: Andrew Ajayi
- **Diocese of Winchester:**
Deanery of Eastleigh:
Richard Wise, Area Dean
- **Hexham Deanery:**
St Mary and St Patrick's Church, Lambley

14 MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE



The God who walks with us

Jeremiah 29:7

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Ekiti Oke (Nigeria)
Bp Isaac Olatunde Olubowale
- **Diocese of Winchester:**
Benefice of Bishopstoke

- **Hexham Deanery:**

St John's Church, Nenthead

Please pray for the people of the benefices of St John Lee, Warden with Newbrough and Haydon Bridge, and for Ollie Dempsey, who is to be licensed as Rector/Vicar/Priest in Charge by Bishop Mark this evening.

15 Wednesday



The God who listens

Colossians 3:16

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Ekiti West (Nigeria)
Bp Rufus Victor Ajileye Adepoju
- **Diocese of Winchester:**
Benefice of Boyatt Wood
- **Hexham Deanery:**
Benefice of Haltwhistle and Greenhead
Priest-in-Charge: Stephen Wright

16 Thursday

Caroline Chisholm, Social Reformer, 1877



The God who saves

Luke 15: 20-22

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Eldoret (Kenya)
Bp Christopher Ruto
- **Diocese of Winchester:**
Benefice of Bursledon
- **Hexham Deanery:**
St Cuthbert's Church, Greenhead
- Greenhead C of E First School
- **Praying for Unity:**
For all the congregations in our region which share staff, buildings, worship and community life with others.

17 Friday



*The God who challenges
and encourages*

Matthew 6:9-13

- **The Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Port Elizabeth (Southern Africa)
Bp Eddie Daniels
- **Diocese of Winchester:**
Benefice of Chandler's Ford
- **Hexham Deanery:**
Holy Cross Church, Haltwhistle

Please pray for the people of the benefice of Riding Mill, and for Diana Johnson, who has been Priest in Charge, and is to be licensed as Vicar by Bishop Mark today.

18 Saturday

Christian Aid Week ends today



The God who empowers

Joshua 24:15c

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of El-Obeid (Sudan)
Bp Ismail Gabriel Abudigin
- **Diocese of Winchester:**
Benefice of Eastleigh
- **Hexham Deanery:**
Benefice of Haydon Bridge and Beltingham with Henshaw:
Priest in Charge: Ollie Dempsey
Associate Priest: Gill Alexander
Assistant Curate: Stephen Wright

This week ...

'When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth...' (John 16.13)

In a world of competing truths and fake truth, let's pray that we are led by the Spirit ever more deeply into the truth of who Jesus is, and that the Spirit may strengthen and inspire us to reflect the truth of God's love outwards in our words and actions.

19 PENTECOST



1 Corinthians 14:26

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Guildford
Diocese of Viborg (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark)
- **Anglican Communion:**
The Anglican Church of Canada
Primate: Most Revd Linda Nicholls
- **Diocese of Winchester:**
Benefice of Fair Oak
- **Hexham Deanery:**
St Cuthbert's Church, Beltingham

20 Monday

Alcuin of York, Deacon, abbot of Tours, 804

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Ely Bp: vacant
- **Diocese of Winchester:**
Benefice of Northanger
- **Hexham Deanery:**
All Hallows Church, Henshaw
- Henshaw C of E First School

21 Monday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Embu (Kenya)
Bp David Muriithi Irere
- **Diocese of Winchester:**
Benefice of Hamble Le Rice
- **Hexham Deanery:**
St Cuthbert's Church, Haydon Bridge and Haydon Old Church

22 Wednesday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Enugu (Nigeria)
Abp Emmanuel O. Chukwuma
- **Diocese of Winchester:**
Benefices of Hedge End (St Luke) and Hedge End (St John the Evangelist)
- **Hexham Deanery:**
Benefice of Hexham
Rector: David Glover
Assistant Curate: Henry Hope
Reader: Frances Stride

23 Thursday

- **Anglican Communion**
Diocese of Enugu North (Nigeria)
Bp Sosthenes Eze
- **Diocese of Winchester:**
Benefice of Hound
- **Hexham Deanery:**
Benefice of St John Lee
Rector: Ollie Dempsey
Reader (PTO): Pamela Nobbs
- **Praying for Unity:**
For the Newcastle District of the Methodist Church (Chair: Stephen Lindridge)

24 Friday

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

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Esan (Nigeria)
Abp Friday John Imaekhai
- **Diocese of Winchester:**
Benefice of Stoneham North and Bassett
- **Hexham Deanery:**
Church of St John of Beverley,
St John Lee

25 Saturday

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

Aldhelm, bishop of Sherborne, 709

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Eswatini (Southern Africa)
Bp Dalcy Dlamini
- **Diocese of Winchester:**
The Benefices of Valley Park and West End
- **Hexham Deanery:**
Benefice of Warden with Newbrough
Vicar: Ollie Dempsey
- * Canon Rob Kelsey, Vicar of Norham, Priest-in-Charge of Cornhill and Branxton

This week ...

'Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit."'
(John 3.5)

This initial conversation with Jesus is part of Nicodemus' journey of faith in John's Gospel; let's pray for all those coming to faith, and to baptism and confirmation, and for those we long to begin that life-long conversation with Jesus.

26 TRINITY SUNDAY

Augustine, first archbishop of Canterbury, 605
John Calvin, reformer, 1564

Philip Neri, founder of the Oratorians, spiritual guide, 1595

- **Today is Anglican Communion Sunday**
- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Exeter
Diocese of Nord-Hålogaland (*Church of Norway*)
- **Anglican Communion:**
The Church of the Province of Central Africa
Primate: Abp Albert Chama
- **Diocese of Winchester:**
Deanery of Lyndhurst
Simon Newham, Area Dean
- **Hexham Deanery:**
St Peter's Church, Newbrough
- Newbrough C of E First School

27 Monday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Etche (Nigeria)
Bp Precious Okechukwu Nwala
- **Diocese of Winchester:**
Benefice of Beaulieu and Exbury and East Boldre
- **Hexham Deanery:**
St Aidan's Church, Fourstones

28 Tuesday

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

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Etsako (Nigeria)
Bp Jacob Bada
- **Diocese of Winchester:**
Benefice of Boldre with South Baddesley
- **Hexham Deanery:**
Church of St Michael and All Angels, Warden

29 Wednesday

- **Anglican Communion:**
The Diocese in Europe
Bp Robert Innes
- **Diocese of Winchester:**
Benefice of Brockenhurst
- **Hexham Deanery:**
Benefice of Whitley
Vicar: Andrew Patterson
- Whitley Chapel C of E First School

30 Thursday

Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of the Holy Communion (Corpus Christi)

Josephine Butler, social reformer, 1906 [CNS] *

- **Anglican Communion:**
The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe (ECUSA)
Bp Mark D W Edington
- **Diocese of Winchester:**
Benefice of Colbury
- **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
- * Canon Barbara Packer

31 VISIT OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Evo (Nigeria)
Bp Innocent U Ordu
- **Diocese of Winchester:**
Benefice of Copythorne and Netley Marsh
- **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-2024>). 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 link diocese of Winchester and its parishes.
- Fourthly we remember our own Diocese of Newcastle, and 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 link diocese of Winchester
- Thirdly, 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, and on subsequent Thursdays 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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