



Diocese of Newcastle Prayer Diary October 2022



As we pray for the Diocese of Botswana this month, we send our brothers and sisters congratulations and good wishes on the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese. *More on page 7*

1 Saturday

Generosity Week Day 7

Remigius, bishop of Rheims, apostle of the Franks, 533
 Anthony Ashley Cooper, Earl of Shaftesbury, social reformer, 1885

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of the Murray (Australia)
 Bp Keith Dalby
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
 Metlha Beleme, Diocesan Bishop
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
 Area Dean: Alison Hardy

On Day 7 of Generosity Week we give thanks and pray for all those who offer a generous welcome to others.

This week ...

‘The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.”’ (Luke 17:5)

At the end of Generosity Week, let’s give thanks for all God’s gifts to us, especially for the gift of faith, and pray that we may all grow in faith and trust in God.

2 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Generosity Week Day 8

- **Porvoo Communion:**
 Diocese of Haderslev (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark)
 Diocese of Liverpool
 Diocese of Monmouth (Church in Wales)
- **Anglican Communion:**
The Anglican Church of Canada
 Abp Linda Nicholls
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
 Theo Naledi, retired Bishop
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
 Lay Chair: Hugh Williams

On Day 8 of Generosity Week we give thanks and pray for all volunteers who generously give up their time.



3 Monday

George Bell, bishop of Chichester, ecumenist, peacemaker, 1958
 Hewald the Black and Hewald the White, martyrs, 695 [CNS]

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Muyinga (Burundi)
 Bp Paisible Ndacayisaba
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
 Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Gaborone:
 Celestino Chishimba, Dean and Archdeacon (Cathedral), Fr Octavius Bolelang and Revd Boitshoko Gabaarane
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
 Deanery Secretary: Jill Wharton
 Finance Officer: Joanna Chillingsworth

4 Tuesday

Francis of Assisi, friar, deacon, founder of the Friars Minor, 1226

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Myitkyina (*Myanmar*)
Bp John Zau Li
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Barnabas' Church, Old Naledi (served by the Cathedral of the Holy Cross)
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Benefice of Alnwick St Michael and St Paul
Vicar: *vacant*
Reader: Annette Playle
Reader PTO: John Cooke MBE

5 Wednesday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Nagpur (*North India*)
Bp Paul Dupare
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of Francistown:
Ven Moreri Leteemane (Archdeacon - North), Fr George Callender, Fr Samuel Moraloki, Fr Olebile James Gabotswe, Fr Lekono Malabola, Fr Andries Matlhare and Fr Tshaimo Takongwa
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
St Michael's Parish Church, Alnwick
- Alnwick St Michael's C of E First School

6 Thursday

William Tyndale, translator of the Scriptures, Reformation martyr, 1536

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Nairobi (*Kenya*)
Bp Joel Waweru Mwangi
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of Francistown: St Patrick's Church and St Carantoc's Church
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Denwick Chapel
- **The Mothers' Union:**
The MU Trustees as they work together with members to offer support for families

7 Friday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Nakuru (*Kenya*)
Bp Joseph Muchai
- **Diocese of Botswana:**

St Stephen's, Tonota, St Alban's, Moroka, All Saints' Matsiloje and St Paul's Tati Siding (all served by the Parish of Francistown)

- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Benefice of Amble St Cuthbert
Priest-in-Charge: John McDermott
Readers: Sarah Mitchell and Mari Mander

8 Saturday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Nambale (*Kenya*)
Bp Robert Magina Barasa
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Christ the King, Orapa, St John's, Makaleng and Sowa Town (served by the Parish of Francistown)
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Benefice of Chevington St John the Divine
Priest-in-Charge: *vacant*

The annual Readers' Licensing Service takes place in the Cathedral today. Please pray for those being licensed – Annie Newlands and Jane Algar – and for those continuing their studies.

This week ...

'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' (Luke 17:13)

Jesus is struck that the unexpected outsider is the one who turns back to give thanks to God rather than the usual faithful: let's pray that we may be open to the faith and thanksgiving we see expressed in unexpected places from unexpected people, and respond with gratitude.

9 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- **Porvoo Comunion:**
Diocese of Truro
Diocese of Tönsberg (*Church of Norway*)
Diocese of Strängnäs (*Church of Sweden*)
- **Anglican Communion:**
The Church of the Province of Central Africa Abp Albert Chama
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Andrew, Selebi Phikwe:
Ven Sefularo Mogopodi (Archdeacon – Central) and Fr Abraham Kajane
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Benefice: Embleton and Rennington and Rock

Priest-in-Charge: Alison Hardy
Assistant Curate: Nathaniel Hayler
Reader: Deborah Elliott
Reader PTO: Bill Devonshire

Please pray today for Bishop Mark and all taking part in the Relaunch of St Thomas' Church, Newcastle after extensive refurbishment.

10 Monday

Paulinus, bishop of York, missionary, 644
[CNS *]

Thomas Traherne, poet, spiritual writer, 1674

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Namibia (Southern Africa)
Bp Luke Pato
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Peter's, Mmadinare (outstation of St Andrew's, Selebi Phikwe)
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Church of St Peter the Fisherman, Craster
- * Canon John Sinclair, Rector of Upper Coquetdale

11 Tuesday

Ethelburga, abbess of Barking, 675
*James the Deacon, companion of Paulinus, 7th cent. [CNS *]*

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Namirembe (Uganda)
Bp Wilberforce Kityo Luwalira
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Augustine's Theological School:
Canon James Amanze
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
St Mary's Church, Newton
- * vacant canonry

12 Wednesday

Wilfrid of Ripon, bishop, missionary, 709
[CNS *]

Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer, 1845

Edith Cavell, nurse, 1915

*Edwin, king of Northumbria, martyr, 633 [CNS **]*

- **Anglican Communion:**
Missionary Diocese of Nampula (Southern Africa) vacant see
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Augustine, Serowe:
Fr Ford Godiraone Gaogane
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Holy Trinity Parish Church, Embleton
- Vincent Edwards C of E First School

- * Canon Alan Paterson, Priest-in-Charge of St Peter and St Luke, Wallsend
- ** Canon Brian Hurst, Vicar of St George and St Hilda, Jesmond

13 Thursday

Edward the Confessor, king of England, 1066

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Nandyal (South India)
Bp Eggoni Pushpa Lalitha
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St James the Great, Mahalapye:
Fr Kealeboga Lekoba
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
All Saints' Parish Church, Rennington
- **Praying for Unity:**
Pray for the work and witness of the Salvation Army

Please pray for the Parish of Gosforth St Nicholas, and for Paul Baker who will be instituted as Vicar by Bishop Mark this evening.

14 Friday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Nasik (North India) vacant see
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Joseph, Shoshong, and St Ignatius of Loyola, Machaneng
(served by St James the Great, Mahalapye)
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Parish Church of St Philip & St James, Rock

15 Saturday

Teresa of Avila, teacher of the faith, 1582

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Nasir (South Sudan)
Bp Simon Lual Bang Jal
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Mark, Lobatse:
Fr Botshabelo Beleme, Fr Solomon Diphoko and Revd Godfrey Tsetsengwe
- **Alnwick Deanery: Benefice: Felton**
Vicar: vacant
- Felton C of E First School
- **Praying for Unity:**
Pray for the 'new' churches and fellowships in our region.

Please pray today for our Deanery Development Groups as they come together at St Aidan's Morpeth, to hear about the launch of a new Deanery Planning process: a process to further empower deaneries to consider the mission priorities in each of their contexts and how best to steward our resources for a sustainable future.

This week ...

'And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night?' (Luke 18:7)

Let's continue to pray with perseverance for justice in our world and in our own society, perhaps this week thinking especially of one particular global injustice which has moved us and one local issue which affects our community.

16 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Växjö (*Church of Sweden*)
Diocese of Oxford
- **Anglican Communion:**
Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America
Primate: Most Revd Julio Murray Thompson
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Mary Magdalene, Palapye and St Cyprrian, Seleka: Fr George Moshapa
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Benefice: Lesbury with Alnmouth
Priest-in-Charge: Alison Hardy
Assistant Curate: Barrie Cooper
Reader Emeritus: Susanna Swales

17 Monday

Ignatius, bishop of Antioch, martyr, c.107

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Natal (*Southern Africa*)
Bp Nkosinathi Ndwandwe
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parishes of St Michael and All Angels, Broadhurst: Fr Jooste Motshwane, Fr Bonny Bashe and Fr Patrick Rampha
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Alnmouth
- Alnmouth Friary: the friars and all who enjoy their hospitality

Please pray this evening for the people of the Benefice of Shotley, as Malcolm Railton is licensed as Interim Minister by Bishop Mark.

18 LUKE THE EVANGELIST

- **Anglican Communion:**
The Area Mission in Navajoland (ECUSA)

Bp David Bailey

- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Matthew's, Mochudi (served by the Parish of St Michael and All Angels)
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels, Howick

19 Wednesday

Henry Martyn, translator of the Scriptures, missionary in India and Persia, 1812

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Ndokwa (*Nigeria*)
Bp David Obiosa
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Paul, Molepolole:
Fr Mooketsi Mokgatlhe,
Fr Western Medupe and
Fr Bakang Banks Lesetedi
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
St Mary's Parish Church, Lesbury

20 Thursday

*Grace Darling, altruist, 1842 [CNS *]*

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Nebbi (*Uganda*)
Bp Pons Ozelle
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Thomas', Letlhakeng (served by the Parish of St Paul, Molepolole)
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Longhoughton (including Boulmer)
- Longhoughton C of E First School
- **Praying for Unity:**
Pray for all planning to take part in ecumenical pilgrimages in 2023
- * Canon Lesley Towers

21 Friday

Tuda, bishop of Lindisfarne, 664 [CNS]

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Nebraska (ECUSA)
Bp Scott Barker
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parishes of St Andrew, Mmopane, St James, Kopong and St Luke, Lentsweletau:
Fr Paul Beleme
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Benefice: Longframlington with Brinkburn

Priest-in-Charge: *vacant*
Reader: Samuel Palin
Reader PTO: Kate Watson

22 Saturday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Nelson (*Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia*)
Bp Steve Maina Mwangi
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parishes of Holy Trinity, Mmankgodi, St Matthew, Thamaga and St Mark, Moshupa:
Fr Isaac Mupfumi
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Benefice: Upper Coquetdale
Rector: John Sinclair
Assistant Curate: John Storey
Reader: Libby Cripps
Reader PTO: David Carey

This week ...

'God, be merciful to me, a sinner.' (Luke 18:13)

There is always a temptation to compare ourselves with others, yet this prayer reminds us we all start in the same place, utterly dependent on God's loving grace and mercy: let's be mindful of our need for grace as we pray for others to know God's grace and mercy.

23 LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (may be observed as BIBLE SUNDAY or as DEDICATION FESTIVAL)

- **Porvoo Communion**
Diocese of Carlisle
Diocese of Stavanger (*Church of Norway*)
- **Anglican Communion:**
Province de l'Eglise Anglicane du Congo
Abp Titre Ande Georges
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Peter, Mogoditshane:
Fr Ezekiel Nthokwa and
Fr Munyaradzi Mubata
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels,
Alnham

24 Monday

- **Anglican Communion:**

Diocese of Nevada (ECUSA)
Bp Elizabeth Bonforte Gardner

- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parishes of St John the Baptist, Gabane and St Patrick, Kumakwane: Fr Martin Mosima
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels,
Alwinton

25 Tuesday

Crispin and Crispinian, martyrs at Rome, c.287

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of New Busa (Nigeria)
Bp Israel A Amoo
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Simon of Cyrene, Tiokweng:
Ven Joe Tsuaneng (Archdeacon – South)
and Fr Nelson Mwaniki
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
All Saints' Parish Church, Rothbury

26 Wednesday

Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons,
scholar, 899

Cedd, abbot of Lastingham, bishop of the East Saxons, 664 [CNS]

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of New Guinea Islands (Papua New Guinea) Bp Reginald Makele
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St John the Baptist, Tsabong:
Fr Peter Moshapa
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Christ Church, Hepple

27 Thursday

*Eata, bishop of Lindisfarne, 686 [CNS *]*

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of New Hampshire (ECUSA)
Robert Hirschfeld
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Villages with churches in the Tsabong area:
Khuis, Middlepits, Bogogobo and
Kolonkweng (served mainly by Lay
Ministers)
- **Alnwick Deanery**
Church of St Mary the Virgin, Holystone
- **Praying for Unity:**
For all prayer, study and fellowship groups,
some meeting in person and others online
- * This stall is occupied by Cathedral Readers

28 SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of New Jersey (USA)
Bp William H Stokes
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Villages with churches in the Tsabong area:
Maralaleng, Omaweneno, Malashe and Khisa (served mainly by Lay Ministers)
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
St Andrew's Church, Thropton

29 Saturday

James Hannington, bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, martyr in Uganda, 1885

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of New Westminster (Canada)
Bp John Stephens
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Villages with churches in the Tsabong area:
Draalheok, Makopong and Werda (served mainly by Lay Ministers)
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Benefice: Warkworth, Acklington and Shilbottle
Priest-in-Charge: Helen O'Sullivan
Reader: Cynthia Bishop
Readers PTO: Roger Styring and Margaret Weaver

This week ...

'Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house ...' (Luke 19:9)

We long for the transformation of hearts and lives by the gospel, discovering, like Zacchaeus, the warmth of love and grace found in Jesus Christ and responding with generosity and a longing for restoration. Let's pray for our household and our neighbourhood to be continually renewed by this good news.

30 FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT may be observed as ALL SAINTS' DAY

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Agder and Telemark (Church of Norway)
Diocese of Winchester

- **Anglican Communion:**
Iglesia Anglicana de Chile
Primate: Most Revd Hector Zabala
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
New Church groups: Maun and Kasane (served by the Parish of Francistown)
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
St James' Parish Church, Shilbottle

31 Monday

Martin Luther, reformer, 1546

Bega, religious and visionary, 7th cent. [CNS]

Reinfrid, restorer of the holy places, 1085 [CNS]

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of New York (ECUSA)
Bp Andrew Dietsche
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
The strengthening of links between our dioceses
- **Alnwick Deanery:**
Parish Church of St John the Divine, Acklington
- Acklington C of E First School

We shall conclude our prayers for Alnwick Deanery at the beginning of November.

Continuing to pray for our new Bishop

Heavenly Father, be with us, by your Holy Spirit, as we pray for the appointment of a new Bishop of Newcastle.

Send us a Shepherd after your own heart,
who will encourage us in the faith to be
open to your transforming love,
generous with your transforming gifts,
engaged with your transforming work in the
world,
and who will watch over your people with love.

Preserve our unity,
and guide all those involved in the appointment
process,
that with prayerful hearts and honest reflection,
they will seek to discern your will,
and that we will rejoice with them
in the person who you are calling.
We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



THE DIOCESE OF BOTSWANA
(Anglican Province of Central Africa)

There follows a brief history of the Diocese of Botswana written from notes kindly provided by the Diocese.

The Anglican Diocese of Botswana was inaugurated in 1972 as the fifteenth Diocese of the Church of the Province of Central Africa, comprising of Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe. In the past 50 years the Diocese has been served by five dedicated Bishops.

The founding Bishop was Shannon Mallory, an American. Bishop Metlha, the present Bishop, is the fifth.

The Diocese, comprising the whole country which has an area similar to France, began with only six priests and a few parishes in the south and north of the country. In the early years, some priests were recruited from the Episcopal Church in the USA.

During its first 50 years, the Diocese has grown both physically and spiritually. Today, the Diocese has 21 parishes and 27 outstations, from Tsabong in the south to Maun in the north, and there are 35 clergy in the current list. Particularly ground-breaking work has been done during the last five years.

The Diocese has been involved in various community outreach projects and activities during the years. These include

- Primary schools and health clinics, some of which some were handed over to the government in the 1980s because of financial constraints
- The Holy Cross Hospice set up in 1994 and still ministering to HIV/AIDS patients
- The Mahalapye Mothers' Union pre-school for HIV/AIDS orphans

- A pre-school for vulnerable children set up at St Peter's in Mogoditshane.

The Diocese of Botswana has now put in place a strategic plan with the vision:

To be a spiritually growing and self-sustaining nationwide Church that is welcoming and serving.

It is through this vision and strategic plan that the Diocese can contribute to the Human Social Development pillar of Botswana's national vision 2036.

Despite many challenges facing the Diocese, which are heightened by the Covid-19 pandemic, the Golden Jubilee, under the theme, **'So that they may be one'**, has brought together Anglicans from within and outside Botswana, all in the spirit of thanksgiving and glorifying God for what He has done for us as a church and as a nation. The Diocese of Newcastle has been represented by Bishop Mark Wroe, Canon Allan Marks and Fr Chris Minchin.

The Diocese of Newcastle has nurtured and enjoyed the link with the Diocese of Botswana for well over half of its life.

ORDINATION OF PRIESTS

On Sunday 2nd October, the Diocese of Botswana will ordain as priests the following seven Deacons, for whom we are asked to pray:

Joseph Shima Khombane

Onkemetse Sam Mathabathe

Christian Mensah

Khalala Mokefane

Moemedi Rabolo

Motshereganyi Sefanyetso

Joseph Bareetsinyana Supang

About this Prayer Diary

We include in the Prayer Diary all those commemorated in **Celebrating the Northern Saints**, [CNS] and 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.

SUNDAYS

For each Sunday, we follow a well-established pattern:

- First are intercessions for the Porvoo Communion (<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/resources/493/porvoo-prayer-diary-2022>). 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 Botswana.
- Fourthly we remember our own Diocese of Newcastle, and in particular the Deanery of Alnwick, its churches, people and organisations, including Church Schools, where possible, on the same day as the parish of which they are part.

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 Botswana.
- Thirdly, people, parishes, churches and schools in Alnwick Deanery.
- On Thursdays, we pray for the work of the Mothers’ Union in the Diocese (first week) and for Christian Unity (subsequent weeks).

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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