

# Prayer Diary October 2024

## 1 Tuesday

#### **GENEROSITY WEEK:** Day 3

## **Having Enough**

Praying that we do not take God's generosity for granted and seek to reflect God's grace.

- Anglican Communion: Diocese of Jebba (Nigeria) Bp S Timothy G Adewole
- Diocese of Botswana: Metlha Beleme, Diocesan Bishop
- Alnwick Deanery: Area Dean: Alison Hardy
- 2 Wednesday

#### **GENEROSITY WEEK:** Day 4

## Out of Dark Times

Praying that in dark times we see the light of Christ and place our trust in our generous God.

- Anglican Communion: Diocese of Jerusalem (Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East) Abp Hosam Naoum
- Diocese of Botswana: Theo Naledi, retired Bishop
- Alnwick Deanery: Lay Chair: Hugh Williams

#### 3 Thursday

George Bell, bishop of Chichester, ecumenist, peacemaker, 1958

Hewald the Black and Hewald the White, martyrs, 695 [CNS]

#### **GENEROSITY WEEK:** Day 5

## **Making a Difference**

Praying to create and sustain one another in a generous discipleship.

- Anglican Communion: Diocese of San Joaquin (ECUSA)
   Bp David Rice
- Diocese of Botswana: Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Gaborone: Revd Dr Celestino Chishimba, Dean and Archdeacon (Cathedral), Revd Dr Mooketsi Mokgatlhe, Fr Jooste Motshwane and Fr Khalala Mokefane
- Alnwick Deanery: Deanery Secretary: Sheila Orgill Finance Officer: Joanna Chillingsworth
- The Mothers' Union Pray for Sandra Davison, Mothers' Union Secretary, giving thanks for her faithful friendship and administrative support.

#### 4 Friday

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

#### **GENEROSITY WEEK: Day 6**

#### **Generous Giving**

Praying for help to nurture and share our resources to build the Church and God's Kingdom.

- Anglican Communion:
  Diocese of Johannesburg (Southern Africa)
  Bp Stephen Mosimanegape Moreo
- 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: Christian Mitchell Reader: Annette Playle and Sal Howard Reader (PTO): John Cooke MBE

## 5 Saturday

#### **GENEROSITY WEEK:** Day 7

## **Supporting God's Mission**

Praying for the Church as a way to reach our hurting world.

- Anglican Communion: Diocese of Jos (Nigeria))
   Abp Benjamin A Kwashi
- Diocese of Botswana: Parish of Francistown: Ven Isaac Mupfumi (Archdeacon - North), Fr Samuel Moraloki, Fr Lekono Malabola, Fr Tshiamo Takongwa and Fr Bakang (Banks) Lesetedi
- Alnwick Deanery: St Michael's Parish Church, Alnwick
- Alnwick St Michael's C of E First School Please pray for today's meeting of Deanery Development Groups at St Aidan's, Morpeth, with the Archdeacons and Ric Whaite, Diocesan Director of Mission and Ministry.

#### This week ...

'Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' (Mark 10.15)

Jesus' kingdom language always turns worldly expectations on their head; as we seek where God is at work in our lives and communities, let's pray that we might have eyes to see things Jesus' way, perhaps particularly our children and young people.

#### **6** NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

#### **GENEROSITY WEEK:** Day 8

#### Thankfulness

Giving thanks to God our Creator, to the Holy Spirit and to Jesus, who inspire our generosity.

- Porvoo Communion: Diocese of Liverpool Diocese of Monmouth (Wales) Diocese of Haderslev (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark)
- Anglican Communion: Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea Primate: Abp Nathan Ingen
- **Diocese of Botswana:** Parish of Francistown: St Patrick's Church and St Carantoc's Church
- Alnwick Deanery: Denwick Chapel

Please pray for all gathering today for the Licensing of Julia Lacey by Bishop Mark to her additional role as Priest-in-Charge of St John's, Ulgham

- 7 Monday
- Anglican Communion: Diocese of Juba (South Sudan) Abp Justin Badi Arama
- 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: vacant Readers (PTO): Mari Mander and Sarah Mitchell
- 8 Tuesday
- Anglican Communion: Diocese of Kabba (Nigeria)
   Bp Steven Akobe
- 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* Reader (PTO): Cynthia Bishop

#### 9 Wednesday

Denys, bishop of Paris, and his companions, martyrs, c.250 Robert Grosseteste, bishop of Lincoln, philosopher, scientist, 1253

- Anglican Communion: Diocese of Kadugli and Nuba Mountains (Sudan) Bp Andudu Adam Elnail
- Diocese of Botswana: Parish of St Andrew, Selebi Phikwe: Ven Sefularo Mogopodi (Archdeacon -Central)
- Alnwick Deanery: Benefice: Embleton and Rennington and Rock

Priest-in-Charge: Alison Hardy Assistant Curates: Barrie Cooper and Nathaniel Hayler Reader: Deborah Elliott Readers (PTO): Bill Devonshire and Roger Styring

## **10** Thursday

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

Thomas Traherne, poet, spiritual writer, 1674

- Anglican Communion: Diocese of Kaduna (Nigeria)
   Bp Timothy Yahaya
- Diocese of Botswana: St Peter's, Mmadinare and Church of the Good Shepherd, Bobonong (outstations of St Andrew's, Selebi Phikwe
- Alnwick Deanery: Church of St Peter the Fisherman, Craster
- \* Canon Ric Whaite, Diocesan Director of Mission and Ministry
- **Praying for Unity** Pray for all those offering the ministry of Spiritual Direction

## 11 Friday

Ethelburga, abbess of Barking, 675 James the Deacon, companion of Paulinus, 7<sup>th</sup> cent. [CNS \*]

- Anglican Communion: Diocese of Kafanchan (Nigeria)
   Bp Markus Madugu Dogo
- Diocese of Botswana: St Augustine's Theological School: Canon Professor James Amanze
- Alnwick Deanery: St Mary's Church, Newton
- \* Canon Simon White, Rector of Morpeth and Priest in Charge of Stannington

# 12 Saturday

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: Diocese of Kagera (Tanzania)
   Bp Darlington Bendankeha
- Diocese of Botswana: Parish of St Augustine, Serowe: Fr Kealeboga Lekoba and Fr Ford Godiraone Gaogane
- Alnwick Deanery: Holy Trinity Parish Church, Embleton
- Vincent Edwards C of E First School
- \* vacant canonry
- \*\* Canon Brian Hurst, Interim Minister of Cheviot Benefice

Please pray today for all attending the Readers' AGM and Licensing Service at the Cathedral with Bishop Mark, and especially for those to be admitted as Readers.

## This week ...

'It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' (Mark 10.25)

Jesus' famous but perplexing words remind us that sometimes we need to work hard to understand his meaning; let's pray for the gift of insight and faith for us and for all who struggle to understand the gospel and how we apply it to our lives.

## **13** TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Edward the Confessor, king of England, 1066

- Porvoo Communion: Diocese of Truro Diocese of Tönsberg (Church of Norway) Diocese of Strängnäs (Church of Sweden)
- Anglican Communion: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines Prime Bishop: Most Revd Brent Alawas
- Diocese of Botswana: Parish of St James the Great, Mahalapye: Fr Boikhutso Gabaraane
- Alnwick Deanery: All Saints' Parish Church, Rennington

## 14 Monday

- Anglican Communion: Diocese of Kajiado (Kenya)
   Bp Gadiel Katanga Lenini
- Diocese of Botswana: St Joseph, Shoshong: Fr Olebile James Galebotswe and St Ignatius of Loyola, Machaneng (served by St James the Great, Mahalapye)
- Alnwick Deanery: Parish Church of St Philip & St James, Rock

## 15 Tuesday

- Anglican Communion: Diocese of Kajo Keji (South Sudan) Bp James Lule
- Diocese of Botswana: Parish of St Mark, Lobatse: Fr Octavius Bolelang and Fr Godfrey Tsetsengwe
- Alnwick Deanery: Benefice: Felton Vicar: Rich Townend
- Felton C of E First School

## 16 Wednesday

- Anglican Communion: Diocese of Kalima (Congo)
   Bp Christophe Kangamina Sadiki
- Diocese of Botswana: Parishes of St Mary Magdalene, Palapye and St Cyprian, Seleke: Fr Abraham Kajane and Fr George Moshapa
- Alnwick Deanery: Benefice: Lesbury with Alnmouth Priest-in-Charge: Alison Hardy Assistant Curates: Barrie Cooper and Nathanael Hayler Reader Emeritus: Susanna Swales

## 17 Thursday

Ignatius, bishop of Antioch, martyr, c.107

- Anglican Communion: Diocese of Kamango (Congo)
   Bp Sabiti Tibafa Daniel
- Diocese of Botswana: Parish of St Michael and All Angels, Broadhurst: 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
- **Praying for Unity:** Pray for the 'new' churches and fellowships in our region.

# **18** LUKE THE EVANGELIST

- Anglican Communion: Diocese of Kampala (Uganda)
   Bp: Most Revd Stanley Ntagali
- 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 Saturday

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

- Anglican Communion: Diocese of Kano (Nigeria)
   Bp Zakka L Nyam
- Diocese of Botswana: Parish of St Paul, Molepolole: Fr Botshabelo Beleme, Fr Joseph Khombane, and Fr Motshereganyi Sefanyetsto
- Alnwick Deanery: St Mary's Parish Church, Lesbury
- **Praying for Unity:** Pray for all planning to take part in ecumenical pilgrimages in 2025

## This week ...

'And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?"" (Mark 10.36)

Sometimes we might miss how extraordinary Jesus' question is, not dissimilar to the Genie of the Lamp! James and John weren't ready for the implications of their request, but let's pray for those who lead us in church and community that they will seek the way and will of Jesus Christ.

## 20 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Grace Darling, altruist, 1842 [CNS \*]

• Porvoo Communion:

Diocese of Växjö (Church of Sweden) Diocese of Oxford

- Anglican Communion:
  Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda
  Primate: Abp Laurent Mbanda
- 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
- \* Canon Lesley Towers

# 21 Monday

Tuda, bishop of Lindisfarne, 664 [CNS]

- Anglican Communion: Diocese of Kansas (ECUSA)
   Bp Cathleen Chittenden Bascom
- Diocese of Botswana: Parishes of St Andrew, Mmopane: Fr Isaac Mupfumi, Fr Onkemetse Sam Mathabathe, and St James, Kopong and St Luke, Lentsweletau: Fr Paul Beleme
- Alnwick Deanery: Benefice: Longframlington with Brinkburn Priest-in-Charge: Rich Townend Reader: Samuel Palin

## 22 Tuesday

- Anglican Communion: Diocese of Western Kansas
   Bp Mark Cowell
- Diocese of Botswana: Parishes of Holy Trinity, Mmankgodi: Fr Munyaradzi Mubata and St Matthew, Thamaga and St Mark, Moshupa: Fr Solomon Diphoko
- Alnwick Deanery: Benefice: Upper Coquetdale Rector: vacant Reader: Libby Cripps Reader (PTO): David Carey Please pray for those attending today's meeting

of the Cathedral College of Canons.

## 23 Wednesday

Aelflaed, of Whitby, abbess, 714 [CNS]

• Anglican Communion: Diocese of Kanyakumari (South India) Bp A R Chelliah • Diocese of Botswana:

Parishes of St Peter, Mogoditshane and St Martin, Metsimotlhabe: Fr Ezekiel Nthokwa and Revd Joseph Supang

• Alnwick Deanery: Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels, Alnham

## 24 Thursday

- Anglican Communion: Diocese of Kapsabet (Kenya)
   Bp Paul Korir
- **Diocese of Botswana:** Parishes of St John the Baptist, Gabane: Fr Martin Mosima and Fr Moemedi Rabolo, and St Patrick, Kumakwane
- Alnwick Deanery: Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels, Alwinton
- **Praying for Unity:** Pray for all planning to take part in ecumenical pilgrimages in 2025

# 25 Friday

Crispin and Crispinian, martyrs at Rome, c.287

- Anglican Communion:
  Diocese of Karachi and Baluchistan (Pakistan) Bp Frederick John
- Diocese of Botswana: Parish of St Simon of Cyrene, Tiokweng: Canon Joe Tsuaneng (Archdeacon – South), Revd Dr Nelson Mwaniki and Fr Chris Mensah
- Alnwick Deanery: All Saints' Parish Church, Rothbury

# 26 Saturday

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 Karamoja (Uganda) Bp Joseph Abura
- Diocese of Botswana:
  Parish of St John the Baptist, Tsabong:
  Fr Peter Moshapa and Revd Lucky Lorekang
- Alnwick Deanery: Christ Church, Hepple

## This week ...

'Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me."" (Mark 10.48)

Bartimaeus showed great determination in seeking Jesus attention despite the resistance of others; let's pray that all who seek Jesus will have persistence, and let's pray that we might encourage, and not hinder, them on their journey of faith.

#### 27 LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

- Porvoo Communion: Diocese of Carlisle Diocese of Stavanger (Church of Norway)
- Anglican Communion: The Scottish Episcopal Church Primus: Most Revd Mark Strange
- **Diocese of Botswana:** Villages with churches in the Tsabong area: Khuis, Middlepits, Bogogobo and Kolonweng
- Alnwick Deanery Church of St Mary the Virgin, Holystone
- \* This stall is occupied by Cathedral Readers

## **28** SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

- Anglican Communion: Diocese of North Karamoja (Uganda) Bp: James Nasak
- Diocese of Botswana: Villages with churches in the Tsabong area: Maralaleng, Omaweneno, Malashe and Khisa
- Alnwick Deanery: St Andrew's Church, Thropton

#### 29 Tuesday

- Anglican Communion: Diocese of Karimnagar (South India) Bp Reuben Mark
- **Diocese of Botswana:** Villages with churches in the Tsabong area:

Draaiheok, Makapong and Werda

 Alnwick Deanery: Benefice: Warkworth, Acklington and Shilbottle

Priest-in-Charge: Helen O'Sullivan Reader: Christine Stevenson Readers (PTO): Roger Styring and Margaret Weaver

#### **30** Wednesday

- Anglican Communion:
  Diocese of Karnataka Central (South India)
  Bp Prasana Kumar Samuel
- Diocese of Botswana: New Church groups: Maun and Kasane (served by the Parish of Francistown)
- Alnwick Deanery: St James' Parish Church, Shilbottle

#### 31 Thursday

Martin Luther, reformer, 1546 Bega, religious and visionary, 7<sup>th</sup> cent. [CNS] Reinfrid, restorer of the holy places, 1085 [CNS]

- Anglican Communion: Diocese of Karnataka North (South India))
   Bp Ravikumar J Niranjan
- 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
- **Praying for Unity** For all prayer, study and fellowship groups, some meeting in person and others online

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

## **About this 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 stimulus to prayer, normally based on the Sunday Gospel. This month's reflections are provided by Bishop Mark, Bishop of Berwick.

#### **ON 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-ptayer-diary-2023). 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 Botswana.
- Lastly we remember those who lead the life and mission of the Alnwick Deanery, its churches, people and organisations, including Church Schools, where possible, on the same day as the parish of which they are part.

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

- Firstly, dioceses from the Anglican Cycle of Prayer.
- Secondly, the life and mission of the church in Botswana Diocese.
- Thirdly, parishes, churches, schools and other groups and areas of work in the 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.

**Richard Hill**