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Diocese of Newcastle

Prayer Diary

April 2021

1 MAUNDY THURSDAY

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Bath and Wells
Bp Peter Hancock (*until May 2021*)
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Metlha Beleme, Diocesan Bishop
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Area Dean: David Kennedy
- **The Mothers' Union:**
For MU Journal editor Lesley Wright, who works to collate and provide printed information on the work of the organisation to all in the diocese.

2 GOOD FRIDAY

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Bathurst (Australia)
Bp Mark Calder
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Theo Naledi, retired Bishop
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Lay Chair: Robin Brims

3 EASTER EVE

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Bauchi (Nigeria)
Bp Musa Mwin Tula
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Gaborone:
Celestino Chishimba, Dean and Archdeacon
(Cathedral) and Fr Octavius Bolelang
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Secretary: *vacant*
Finance Officer: Robin Brims

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Newcastle diocesan website:
www.newcastle.anglican.org/prayerdiary

This week ...

'I have seen the Lord!' (John 20:18)

Mary Magdalene is one of the first witnesses to the risen Lord, as she is transformed from grief to joy. Let's pray that our hearts and minds are opened to the presence of the risen Lord, and pray for our own opportunities to witness to Easter hope even amongst the sorrow of this last year.

4 EASTER DAY

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Uppsala (*Church of Sweden*)
Diocese of Llandaff (*Wales*)
- **Anglican Communion:**
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and the people of the Land of the Holy One
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Barnabas' Church, Old Naledi (served by the Cathedral of the Holy Cross)
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Blanchland with Hunstanworth and Edmundbyers and Muggleswick (in the Moorland Group of Parishes)
Vicar: Helen Savage

5 MONDAY OF EASTER WEEK

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Belize (West Indies)

Bp Philip Wright

- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of Francistown: Ven Moreri Leteemane (Archdeacon - North),
Fr George Callander, Fr Samuel Moraloki,
Fr Odebile James Galebotswe,
Fr Lekono Malabola and Fr Andries Matlhare
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St Mary's Parish Church, Blanchland

6 TUESDAY OF EASTER WEEK

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Bendigo (Australia)
Bp Matt Brain
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of Francistown: St Patrick's Church
and St Carantoc's Church
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St James' Church, Hunstanworth

7 WEDNESDAY OF EASTER WEEK

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Benin (Nigeria)
Bp Peter O J Imasuen
- **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)
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St Edmund's Parish Church, Edmundbyers

8 THURSDAY OF EASTER WEEK

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Bentiu (South Sudan)
Bp John Gattek
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Christ the King, Orapa, St John's, Makaleng
and Sowa Town (served by the Parish of
Francistown)
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
All Saints' Church, Mugglesworth
- **Praying for Unity:**
For the regional Ecumenical Officers

9 FRIDAY OF EASTER WEEK

- **Anglican Communion:**
**Diocese of Bermuda (Extra Provincial to the
Archbishop of Canterbury)**
Bp Nick Dill

- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Andrew, Selebi Phikwe:
Ven Sefularo Mogopodi (Archdeacon –
Central)
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St Matthew's Church, Waskerley

10 SATURDAY OF EASTER WEEK

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Bethlehem (USA)
Bp Kevin Nichols
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Peter's, Mmadinare (outstation of
St Andrew's, Selebe Phikwe)
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Bywell with Stocksfield
Priest-in-Charge: Pat Moran
Reader: Philippa Harpin

This week ...

*'Jesus came and stood among them and said,
'Peace be with you.' (John 20:19)*

The first disciples were transformed by the presence of the risen Christ speaking peace into their fearfulness and uncertainty. As we face unsure and uncertain times, we pray for the peace and presence of the risen Christ on our next steps.

11 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Derby
Diocese of Clogher (Ireland)
Diocese of Aalborg (Evangelical Lutheran
Church in Denmark)
- **Anglican Communion:**
Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean
Abp James Richard Wong Yin Song
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Augustine's Theological School:
Canon James Amanze
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St Peter's Parish Church, Bywell

12 Monday

Aldwin, first prior of Durham, 1087 [CNS]

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Bhopal (North India)
Bp Manoj Charan
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Augustine, Serowe:

Fr Ford Godiraone Gaogane

- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St John's Church, Stocksfield

13 Tuesday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Bida (*Nigeria*)
Bp Jonah Kolo
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St James the Great, Mahalapye:
Fr Kealeboga Lekoba
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
**Benefice of Corbridge St Andrew with
Halton and Newton Hall**
Vicar: David Kennedy
Curates: Sam Lohead and Lynn Caudwell
Reader: Linda Hunter
- Corbridge C of E First School
- **Praying for Unity:**
For all those inspiring and leading ecumenical
initiatives in local communities in this Holy
Week

14 Wednesday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Biharamulo (*Tanzania*)
Bp Yusuph Vithalis
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Joseph, Shoshong, and
St Ignatius of Loyola, Machaneng
(served by St James the Great, Mahalapye)
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St Andrew's Parish Church, Corbridge

15 Thursday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Birmingham
Bp David Urquhart
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parishes of St Mark, Lobatse:
Fr Botshabelo Beleme and
Fr Solomon Diphoko
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
St Oswald's Church, Halton
- **Praying for Unity:**
For all local social projects run ecumenically:
Food Banks, Street Pastors etc.

16 Friday

Isabella Gilmore, deaconess, 1923

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Blackburn

Bp Julian Henderson

- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Mary Magdalene, Palapye and
St Cyprian, Seleke: Fr George Moshapa
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
**Benefice of Healey St John (in the Moorland
Group of Parishes)**
Vicar: Helen Savage

17 Saturday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Bo (*West Africa*)
Bp Solomon Scott-Manga
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parishes of St Michael and All Angels,
Broadhurst: Fr Jooste Motshwane,
Fr Bonny Bashe and Fr Patrick Rampha
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Heddon-on-the-Wall St Andrew
Priest-in-Charge: *vacant*
- Heddon-on-the-Wall C of E First School

This week ...

***'Then he opened their minds to understand
the scriptures'** (Luke 24:45)*

As the risen Jesus taught his disciples from the scriptures, let's pray for all those who open up the scriptures for us in preaching, teaching, small groups and youth and children's groups, and that we may all understand more of our call to know and follow Jesus.

18 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Blackburn
Diocese of Brechin (*Scottish Episcopal Church*)
The Lutheran Church in Great Britain
- **Anglican Communion:**
The Church of Ireland
Abp John McDowell
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Matthew's, Mochudi (served by the Parish
of St Michael and All Angels)
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Mickley St George:
Priest-in-Charge: Pat Moran

19 Monday

- Alphege, archbishop of Canterbury, martyr, 1012
- **Anglican Communion:**

Diocese of Boga (Congo)

Bp Mugenyi William Bahemuka

- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Paul, Molepolole:
Fr Mooketsi Mokgatlhe, Fr Western Medupe
and Fr Bakang Banks Lesetedi
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Ovingham St Mary
Priest-in-Charge: Tom Birch
Reader: Georgina Harper
- Ovingham C of E First School

20 Tuesday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Bolivia (*South America*)
Raphael Samuel
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
St Thomas', Letlhakeng
(served by the Parish of St Paul, Molepolole)
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Prudhoe St Mary Magdalene
Vicar: Daniel Freyhan
Reader: Lynne Dean

21 Wednesday

Anselm, abbot of Le Bec, archbishop of Canterbury, teacher of the faith, 1109

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Bondo (*Kenya*)
Bp David Kodia
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parishes of St Andrew, Mmopane, St James,
Kopong and St Luke, Lentsweletau:
Fr Paul Beleme
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Riding Mill St James
Priest-in-Charge: vacant
Reader: Gwyn McKenzie
- Broomhaugh C of E First School, Riding Mill

22 Thursday

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Bor (*South Sudan*)
Most Revd Rueben Akuridid
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parishes of Holy Trinity, Mmankgodi,
St Matthew Thamaga and St Mark Moshupa:
Fr Isaac Mupfumi
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Shotley (in the Moorland Group of Parishes)

House-for-Duty Priest: Geoff Purcell Smith

Reader: Alec Ryrrie

- **Praying for Unity:**
For the Church of England's Council for
Christian Unity and its officers

23 GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Botswana (*Central Africa*)
Bp Metlha Beleme
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Peter, Mogoditshane:
Fr Ezekiel Nthokwa and
Fr Munyaradzi Mubata
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Slaley St Mary the Virgin (in the Moorland Group of Parishes)
Vicar: Helen Savage

24 Saturday

Mellitus, bishop of London, first bishop at St Paul's, 624

Seven Martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 2003

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Brandon (*Canada*)
Bp Wiliam Cliff
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parishes of St John the Baptist, Gabane
and St Patrick, Kumakwane:
Fr Martin Mosima
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Stamfordham with Matfen
Priest-in-Charge: Rachel Scheffer

This week ...

'I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice' (John 10:16)

Jesus the Good Shepherd knows his sheep and the sheep know his voice. Let's pray that in space and stillness, through scripture and prayer, through reflection and conversation, we might hear the voice of the Good Shepherd speaking to us and guiding us forwards.

25 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Gothenburg (*Church of Sweden*)
Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway (*Scottish Episcopal Church*)

- **Anglican Communion:**
The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (*Anglican Church in Japan*) Most Revd Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu, Primate
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St Simon of Cyrene, Tiokweng: Ven Joe Tsuaneng (Archdeacon – South), Fr Peter Moshapa and Fr Nelson Mwaniki
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Holy Trinity Parish Church, Matfen

26 MARK THE EVANGELIST

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Brasilia (*Brazil*)
Bp Mauricio Jose Araujo De Andrade
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Parish of St John the Baptist, Tsabong: *vacant*
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
All Saints' Church Ryall

27 Tuesday

Christina Rossetti, poet, 1894

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Brazzaville (*Congo*)
Bp Molanga Jean Botola
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Villages with churches in the Tsabong area: Khuis, Middlepits, Bogogobo and Kolonkweng (served mainly by Lay Ministers)
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Stamfordham

28 Wednesday

Peter Chanel, missionary in the South Pacific, martyr, 1841

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Brechin (*Scotland*)

Bp Andrew Swift

- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Villages with churches in the Tsabong area: Maralaleng, Omaweneneno, Malashe and Khisa (served mainly by Lay Ministers)
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Whittonstall St Philip and St James (in the Moorland Group of Parishes)
Vicar: Helen Savage

29 Thursday

Catherine of Siena, teacher of the faith, 1380

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Brisbane (*Australia*)
Abp Phillip Aspinall, Metropolitan
- **Diocese of Botswana:**
Villages with churches in the Tsabong area: Draalheok, Makapong and Werda (served mainly by Lay Ministers)
- **Corbridge Deanery:**
Benefice of Wylam St Oswin
Priest-in-Charge: Tom Birch
- **Praying for Unity:**
For the ecumenical preparations for this year's 'Thy Kingdom Come' project

30 Friday

Pandita Mary Ramabai, translator of the Scriptures, 1922

- **Anglican Communion:**
Diocese of Bristol
Bp Vivienne Faull
 - **Diocese of Botswana:**
New Church groups: Maun and Kasane (served by the Parish of Francistown)
 - **Corbridge Deanery:**
Shepherds Dene Diocesan Retreat House
Warden: Philip Davies
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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, to guide our next steps in **growing church bringing hope**. We are grateful to Bishop Mark for these weekly reflections.

SUNDAYS

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

- First are intercessions for the Porvoo Communion (<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/cmsfiles/pdf/news/Committee/PORVOO-PRAYER-DIARY-2020.pdf>). 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 in southern Africa.
- Fourthly we remember those who lead the life and mission of our own Diocese of Newcastle, and the Corbridge Deanery, 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, parishes, churches, schools and other groups and areas of work in the Corbridge 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.**