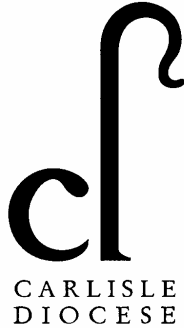


# Prayer Diary

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**This month we focus on the Calder Deanery**

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## Friday 1 December

*Charles de Foucauld, hermit, 1916*

### *World AIDS Day*

*Gifted French aristocrat who, after military service and a period travelling in disguise as a poor Jew to areas inaccessible to Christians, became a Trappist monk but was released to find a life of even greater silence and solitude. After three years in the Holy Land went back to the Sahara and worked with Tuaregs, preaching natural law, acceptable to Christians and Muslims alike. Died during World War I when the Turks stirred up hatred against the French and a fanatic shot him.*

*World AIDS*

*Day*

*Diocese of  
Carlisle*

Churches Together meeting at Penrith this afternoon.

*Calder  
Deanery*

For the Rural Dean: Andy Edwards; Lay Chair: Peter Baxter; Joint Secretaries: Bill Bailey and Chris Reay; Hon Treasurer: Gavin Walker. We would like to express our grateful thanks for the prayers for our Deanery Mission last September. It was a very encouraging time all round the Deanery and seeing God sustaining Bishop Graham in a very hectic week.

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## Saturday 2 December

*Anglican  
Communion*

Diocese of Kitgum (Province of Uganda), Bishop Benjamin Ojwang, clergy and people.

*The Province of Uganda has tripled in size in the past 10 years. There are now 29 Dioceses for 6,700,000 Anglicans, with 13,800 congregations, 1,731 parishes, 28 bishops, 2,630 priests and 13,000 Readers and catechists. The population of Uganda is 19½ million, 89% of whom are Christians (RC 38%; Anglicans 34%). 12% are Muslims.*

*Diocese of  
Carlisle*

Board for Ministry & Training 10.30 am - 3.00 pm.

*Calder  
Deanery*

Area Rural Evangelist: Captain Alan Dodd, who covers the southern part of the Deanery - Egremont to Bootle. Giving thanks for the many opportunities in schools, holiday clubs and shows in the area.

*Our Bishops*

Bishop Graham at a Quiet Day at Holy Name House.

## **SUNDAY 3 December            Advent Sunday**

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Pray for the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (extra parochial to the Archbishop of Canterbury).
<i>Calder Deanery</i>	Benefice of St John & St Bridget Beckermest with Ponsonby and for the recently appointed Priest-in-Charge: Alison Hart, who is also the Deanery Lay Training Adviser. Beckermest CE Aided Primary School, Head: Terri Eyre.
<i>Our Bishops</i>	Bishop Graham at St Paul's Elim Church, Carlisle, this morning.
<i>Porvoo Churches</i>	Diocese of Chester (Province of York), Bishop Peter Forster and his two Suffragans, Nigel Stock (Stockport) and David Urquhart (Birkenhead) <u>linked with</u> Diocese of Kuopio (Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland), Bishop Will Riekkinen.

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**Monday 4 December**            John of Damascus, monk, teacher of the faith c.676-749. Nicholas Ferrar, deacon, founder of Little Gidding, 1592-1637

*John of Damascus came from a Christian family but inherited an important post at the court of the Caliph. Christians were, at this time, tolerated. But under a new Caliph John gave away his property and went to the monastery of Mar Saba, near Jerusalem, and spent the rest of his long life in meditation and writing. During this time the Iconoclasts were vandalising fixtures and statues of Christ and John wrote three treatises arguing that holy images should be respected. His greatest work was 'De Fide Orthodoxa'.*

*Nicholas Ferrar was a wealthy and influential secretary of the Virginia Company who, during a plague epidemic took his brother, sister and their families to the dilapidated manor of Little Gidding, Huntingdonshire, where he founded a Christian community. They drew George Herbert and Isaac Watts, among others, to share its pattern of worship and way of life. The community was, wrongly, suspected of RC practices and was raided in 1646 by Puritan troops, ten years after the founder's death. Nothing remains except the church which inspired T S Eliot's poem *The Four Quartets*.*

*Anglican Communion*            Diocese of Kitui (Province of Kenya), Bishop Josephat Vundi Mule, clergy and people.  
*Kenya has 26 Dioceses.*

*Diocese of Carlisle*            Rydal Hall, Finance & GP meeting this afternoon.

*Calder Deanery* Benefice of Bootle, Corney, Whicham and Whitbeck. Priest-in-Charge: George Wilson, (4 separate rural communities). Captain Shaw's CE Controlled Primary School, Head: Helen Webber.

*Our Bishops* Bishop Graham attends the Readers Review Group in London.

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## **Tuesday 5 December**

*Anglican Communion* Diocese of Kobe (Province of Japan), Bishop Andrew Yutaka Nakamura, clergy and people.  
*The total population is 125,300,000 of whom only 1 million are Christians and of these 57,407 are Anglicans. There are 11 Dioceses, 318 parishes and 348 clergy.*

*Diocese of Carlisle* Pastoral Committee West meeting this evening.

*Calder Deanery* Crosslacon Team. Team Rector: Andy McCafferty; Team Vicar: Margery Grange; Commissioned Lay Ministers: Marie Bryan, Doreen Hocking.

*Our Bishops* Bishop Graham attends the St Martin's Governing Body in Lancaster.

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## **Wednesday 6 December**     *Nicholas of Myra, bishop, c326*

*Nicholas of Myra is the original of Santa Clause. He was a bishop in Asia Minor who was imprisoned during the persecutions of Diocletian but returned to his diocese and was at the Council of Nicaca in 324-5. He is thought to have died in Myra and to have been buried in a magnificent shrine in the cathedral. But when the Saracens swept into Asia Minor in the eleventh century his relics were taken to Bari in Italy. He is sometimes known as Nicholas of Bari. There are legends, the best known about the three bags of gold given to a man who lost all his money to provide dowries for his three daughters. St Nicholas, in the Orthodox Church is the patron saint of sailors and, in Europe, of children. His association with children and Christmas presents comes from a Dutch protestant tradition.*

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Diocese of Koforidua (Province of West Africa), Bishop Francis Quashie, clergy and people. <i>Church of the Province of West Africa includes Cameroon, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone and The Gambia. Total population 45 million of which 10 million are Christians, and 1 million are Anglicans with 600 parishes and 450 clergy.</i>
<i>Diocese of Carlisle</i>	MU One to Five Committee meeting this morning.
<i>Calder Deanery</i>	The churches and congregations of the Crosslacon Team at St John's Cleator Moor; St Leonard's Cleator; St Paul's Frizington and the Lingla Centre; St Michael's Arlecdon and Wath Brow Mission. Montreal CE Controlled Primary School at Cleator Moor, Head: Brenda Holden.

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**Thursday 7 December**      *Ambrose, bishop, teacher of the faith, 340-397*  
*Ambrose was the Roman consul for two provinces when riots occurred over the appointment of the Bishop of Milan. Someone (maybe a child) cried 'Ambrose for Bishop'. The crowd took up the cry and the emperor agreed to his appointment and he was consecrated within a week. His letters to his sister Marcellina are extant. On several occasions he opposed the power of the emperors. Once he was besieged in his cathedral from Palm Sunday to Easter Day by imperial troops but he kept the congregation singing hymns and the emperor finally gave way. Ambrose, who wrote several major treatises, is recognised as one of the four Latin Doctors of the Church.*

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Diocese of Kolhapur (Province of North India), Bishop Bathuel Ramchandra Tiwade, clergy and people. <i>The Church of North India, inaugurated 1970, is in full communion with the C of E and it includes the United Church of Northern India (Congregationalist and Presbyterian), the Methodist Church, the Council of Baptist Churches in Northern India, the Church of the Brethren in India and the Disciples of Christ. There are 26 Dioceses. The Moderator is Archbishop Dhiren.</i>
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<i>Diocese of Carlisle</i>	Cathedral Chapter meets this morning. Pastoral Committee South meeting this evening.
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<i>Calder Deanery</i>	Egremont Team Ministry. Team Rector: John Woolcock; Assistant Clergy: Barbara Jeapes (NSM) and Lois Fulker (NSM); Reader: Chris Hale.
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**Friday 8 December                      Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*In our present Anglican Calendar there are several days in the year when we specially remember the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of the Lord. Her birth, the Annunciation, the Visitation, as well as the Nativity of the Christ Child. Since the 16th century the Anglican and Free Churches have been cautious about those feast days which are unscriptural.*

*Anglican  
Communion*

Diocese of Kondoia (Province of Tanzania), Bishop Yohana Zakaria Mkavu, clergy and people.

*The Anglican Church of Tanzania has 19 Dioceses, 16 bishops and 685 priests. The population is 30 million of which 45% are Christians and 35% Muslims. Only about 2 million are Anglicans.*

*Calder  
Deanery*

The churches and congregations in the Egremont Team at St Mary & St Michael, Egremont; St John Bigrigg & Haile. Giving thanks for the completion of the major works on the church at Egremont.

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**Saturday 9 December**

*Anglican  
Communion*

Diocese of Kootenay (Province of British Columbia & the Yukon, Canada), Bishop John Elswood Privett, clergy and people.

*Canada's population is 29.6 million of which 22 million are Christians but only just over 2 million are Anglicans in 30 Dioceses with 2,836 congregations and 3,517 clergy (as listed, but this sounds like a misprint)!*

*Calder  
Deanery*

Benefice of Eskdale, Irton, Muncaster & Waberthwaite. Priest-in-Charge: Anne Baker; Assistant Priest: Jim Baker (NSM). St Bega CE Aided Primary School at Eskdale, Head: Jackqueline Wilson. Waberthwaite and District CE Aided Primary School, Head: Wilma Sharples. After School Clubs and Post Confirmation group.

## **SUNDAY 10 December**      2nd Sunday of Advent

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Pray for the Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury), all clergy and people of the Islands.
<i>Calder Deanery</i>	For the many opportunities with all the visitors/tourists we have in the Deanery, especially in the Eskdale Valley, Wasdale and Ennerdale as well as on the coastal areas. The Ratty, Maritime Festival at Whitehaven, Muncaster Castle and the Sellafield Visitors Centre are all major attractions.
<i>Our Bishops</i>	Bishop Graham at the Commissioning Service at Braithwaite this morning.
<i>Porvoo Churches</i>	Diocese of Southwell (York), Bishop George Cassidy and his Suffragan Anthony Porter (Sherwood) <u>linked with</u> Diocese of Västerås (Church of Sweden), Bishop Claes-Bertil Ytterberg.

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## **Monday 11 December**

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Diocese of Krishna-Godavari (Province of South India), Bishop Dr G Dyvasirvadani, clergy and people. <i>The Church of South India embraces the two countries of India and Sri Lanka. There are 21 Dioceses of which Dornakal is one.</i>
<i>Diocese of Carlisle</i>	Bishop's Staff Meeting at Rose Castle.
<i>Calder Deanery</i>	Benefice of Gosforth with Nether Wasdale and Wasdale Head. Priest-in-Charge: Jonathan Falkner; Readers: Danny Hughes and Sheila Falkner. Gosforth CE Controlled Primary School, Head: John Corran.

## Tuesday 12 December

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Kubwa (Province of Abuja, Nigeria), Bishop Simon Bala, clergy and people.  
*Before 1990 the northern two thirds of Nigeria was largely blocked. But eight new bishops were consecrated, paid for by Lagos parishes, and the Project has been highly successful. There are now 91 Dioceses. Total population 104 million. 50% are Christians, 43% Muslims. Of the Christians, Anglicans are 14%; RC 12%; Pentecostal and other Protestants 23%; 3,680 Anglican congregations and 4,000 clergy.*
- Calder Deanery* Benefice of Gosforth with Nether Wasdale and Wasdale Head.  
*The ongoing opportunities amongst the many visitors and shows in the summer months.*
- Our Bishops* Bishop Graham attending an Appointment Day at Maryport.
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## Wednesday 13 December *Lucy, martyr, 304. Samuel Johnson, moralist, 1709-1784*

*Lucy is one of the most famous of the early virgin martyrs. A fourth century inscription in Sicily mentions Lucy's feast day who is thought to have been martyred during the Diocletian persecutions. The celebration of her feast day in Sweden (near the winter solstice) is a celebration of virginity. By the 7th century her story had spread to England and Aldham, Bishop of Sherborne, wrote extensively about her in prose and verse.*

*Samuel Johnson: son of a bookseller, born in Lichfield, had to leave Oxford when his father's business failed but his erudition was immense. His project, a massive dictionary of the England language, took him eight years and its publication in 1755, made him famous. He also wrote an eight volume life of Shakespeare and ten volumes on the lives of the poets. We are indebted to James Boswell's 'Life of Johnson' for a remarkable portrait of this strange man, who was a High Tory and High Churchman who wrote many prayers, and sermons, for the clergy. His church was St Clement Dane's in Fleet Street. He is buried in Westminster Abbey.*

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Kuching (Province of South East Asia), Bishop Made Katib and his Assistant Bishop Bolly Anak Lapok, clergy and people.  
*The Church of South East Asia has 4 Dioceses in the countries of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.*

- Diocese of Carlisle* CME 1-4 meeting. Meetings of the Redundant Churches, DBF Standing Committee and Pastoral Account Committee this morning.
- Calder Deanery* Benefice of St John's Hensingham with the Keekle Mission. Vicar: Fergus Pearson; Curate: Tom Parsons (his wife Katie is expecting their 2nd child in November); Reader: Stephen Jackson.
- Our Bishops* Bishop Graham at the Support Group at Rose Castle this afternoon.
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**Thursday 14 December**     *John of the Cross, poet, teacher of the faith, 1542-91*

*He became a Carmelite friar, studied at Salamanca and was ordained in 1567. When, in 1571, Teresa of Avila became prioress of the house at Avila, she sent for John to be the spiritual director. But the unreformed Carmelites captured John and went to extreme lengths to try and make him renounce the new movement. After eight months in captivity he escaped with many of the poems he had written. He also wrote much, later, both poetry and prose.*

*Anglican Communion*     Diocese of Kusami (Province of West Africa), Bishop Daniel Yinkad Sarfo, clergy and people.  
*(For notes on West Africa see 6 December)*

*Diocese of Carlisle*     Mitre Housing Association meeting this afternoon.

*Calder Deanery*     For all the work amongst children and young people in our Deanery. In the majority of parishes the numbers are small and we give thanks for the faithfulness of those who lead and teach. For those engaged in Youth Services and Holiday Clubs and the work of NISCU in many of our schools.

**Friday 15 December                  Ember Day**

*Anglican Communion*                  Diocese of Kumi (Province of Uganda), Bishop Thomas Edison Irigei, clergy and people.  
*(For notes on Uganda see 2 December)*

*Calder Deanery*                          For those involved as Chaplains at Sellafeld: Malcolm Cowan (Anglican) and Doug McDevitte (Lay).

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**Saturday 16 December                  Ember Day**

*Anglican Communion*                  Diocese of Kurunagala (Province of Ceylon), Bishop Kumara Illangasinghe, clergy and people.  
*The Church of Ceylon has two Dioceses - Colombo and Kurunagala.*

*Calder Deanery*                          Benefice of St Peter's Kells. Priest-in-Charge: Judy Evans, also Chaplain at the West Cumberland Hospital; Assistant Clergy: Allen Banks.

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**SUNDAY 17 December                  3rd Sunday if Advent    *O Sapientia***

*O-Antiphons, or The Greater Antiphons, were those sung before and after the Magnificat at Vespers, according to the Roman Use, on the seven days preceding Christmas Eve. The first of these O Sapientia is remembered in the BCP calendar as the "first Christmas Antiphon". Authorship and the date of composition are unknown, though they were in use by the 8th century.*

*Anglican Communion*                  Diocese of Kushtia (Province of Bangladesh), Bishop Paul Sishir Sarker, clergy and people.  
*Province founded 1971. Only 0.3% (350,000) of the 128 million population of Bangladesh are Christians and of these only 13% are Anglican. Muslims comprise 87%, Hindus 12% and Buddhists 1%. There are two Anglican Dioceses, 50 parishes and 24 clergy.*

*Diocese of Carlisle*                          Carol Service - Festival of Readings and Carols in Carlisle Cathedral this afternoon.

*Calder Deanery*                          Benefice of Lamplugh St Michael with Ennerdale St Mary with Kirkland - this is a Local Ecumenical Parish. Priest-in-Charge: John Kelly. Giving thanks for the marvellous facilities at St Mary's Ennerdale for the benefit of church and community.

*Porvoo Churches*                      Diocese of Mikkeli (Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland), Bishop Voitto Huotari [linked with](#) Diocese of Moray, Ross & Caithness (Scottish Episcopal Church), Bishop John Crook.

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### **Monday 18 December**

*Anglican Communion*                      Diocese of Kwara (Province of Ibadan, Nigeria), Bishop Segun Adeyemi, clergy and people.  
*(For notes on Nigeria see 12 December)*

*Diocese of Carlisle*                      Glebe Committee meeting this afternoon.

*Calder Deanery*                      Benefice of St Andrew's Mirehouse. Priest-in-Charge: Chris Casey.

*Our Bishops*                      Bishop Graham attends an Appointment Day at Harrington.

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### **Tuesday 19 December**

*Anglican Communion*                      Diocese of Kyoto (Province of Japan), Bishop Stephen Takashi Kochi, clergy and people.  
*(For notes on Japan see 5 December)*

*Calder Deanery*                      Benefice of St Bridget Moresby. Rector: Andy Edwards; Reader: Barry Stansfield. St Bridget Parton CE Controlled Primary School, Head: Liz Highton. For the forthcoming vacancy when Andy retires in the summer.

## Wednesday 20 December

*Anglican Communion* Diocese of Kyushu (Province of Japan), Bishop Gabriel Shoji Igarashi, clergy and people.  
*(For notes on Japan see 5 December)*

*Calder Deanery* Benefice of St Bees. Priest-in-Charge: Lars Nowen (from 22nd January 2007) and Chaplain to St Bees School; In training (NSM): Jim Marshall; Readers: Charmian Robson, Christopher Robson, Lois Howard, Tim Taylor and Michael Williams. For St Bees School and its very strong links with the Church giving thanks for the faithful ministry of Philip Bryan of nearly 30 years.

*Our Bishops* Bishop Graham attends the Dales Carol Service at Elleborough, Maryport).

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## Thursday 21 December

*Anglican Communion* Diocese of Lafia (Province of Abuja, Nigeria), Bishop Miller Kangdim Maza, clergy and people.  
*(For notes on Nigeria see 12 December)*

*Calder Deanery* The opportunities and contacts made through the many who start and finish the Coast to Coast Walk from St Bees.

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## Friday 22 December

*Anglican Communion* Diocese of Lagos (Province of Lagos, Nigeria), Bishop Ephraim Adebola Ademowo, clergy and people.  
*(For notes on Nigeria see 12 December)*

*Calder Deanery* Benefice of St Cuthbert's Seascale and St Peter's Drigg, still in vacancy. Reader: Dorothy Chatterley.

## Saturday 23 December

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Diocese of Lagos West (Province of Lagos, Nigeria), Bishop Peter Adebisi, clergy and people. <i>(For notes on Nigeria see 12 December)</i>
<i>Calder Deanery</i>	Give thanks for all those who have helped and are helping with services in the vacant parishes of our Deanery. Particularly remembering the Churchwardens.

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## SUNDAY 24 December

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Pray for the Church of Pakistan and, in particular, for the Moderator who is also Bishop of Lahore, Alexander John Malik, his clergy and people. <i>There are 9 Dioceses in the Church in Pakistan:- Arabian Gulf, Faisalabad, Hyderabad, Karachi, Lahore, Multan, Peshawar, Raiwind and Sialkot. The Primate is Samuel Azariah.</i>
<i>Diocese of Carlisle</i>	Carol Service - Festival of Readings and Carols, Carlisle Cathedral this afternoon.
<i>Calder Deanery</i>	The Whitehaven Team Ministry. Team Rector: John Bannister; Team Vicar: Malcolm Cowan; in training as Readers: Audrey Ashbridge and David Jones. For the Schools: St James CE Controlled Infants, Head: Jan Potter; St James CE Controlled Juniors, Head: Ian Harrison.
<i>Porvoo Churches</i>	Diocese of Oulu (Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland), Bishop Samuel Salmi <u>linked with</u> Diocese of Coventry (Canterbury), Bishop Colin Bennetts and Suffragan John Stroyan (Warwick).

## Monday 25 December

## CHRISTMAS DAY

*Anglican Communion* Pray for Lainya (Province of Sudan), Bishop Peter Amidi, clergy and people.

*In the Episcopal Church of The Sudan, out of a total population of 30,120,000 there are 5 million Anglicans and almost three thousand clergy. The Anglican Church has grown with amazing speed during the period of persecution.*

*Calder Deanery*

For the opportunities of ministry that the Whitehaven Churches of St James and St Nicholas Tower Chapel enjoy in the centre of Whitehaven. Give thanks for the help to many organisations in the community from the use of St Nicholas.

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## Tuesday 26 December

*St Stephen, deacon, martyr*

*The first martyr of the Christian faith. A deacon, he was one of the seven Hellenists who were appointed to care for the Greek Christians. Brought before the Sanhedrin and accused of blasphemy he made an eloquent defence (Acts 7.2-53). He was condemned to death and stoned, asking God to forgive his executors.*

*Anglican Communion*

Diocese of Lake Malawi (Province of Central Africa), clergy and people. Bishop to be appointed.

*The Province of Central Africa has 12 Dioceses and a population of nearly 32 million of which 47% are Christians. Anglicans number 600,000. There are 250 parishes, with 10-30 congregations each, and 400 clergy.*

*Calder Deanery*

Give thanks for the Retired Clergy who are helping in the Deanery.

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## Wednesday 27 December John, Apostle and Evangelist

*Traditionally held to be the Apostle John, son of Zebedee, brother of James the Great, the author of the Fourth Gospel, possibly of the three NT Letters and the Revelation of John. John had a long life and seems to have outlived all the other apostles and is the only one who did not die a martyr's death.*

*Anglican Communion*

Diocese of Lango (Province of Uganda), Bishop John Charles Odurkami, clergy and people.

*(For notes on Uganda see 2 December)*

*Calder Deanery*

Chaplain of the West Cumberland Hospital at Whitehaven: Judy Evans. There are still many uncertainties relating to the Hospital's future, causing much anxiety amongst staff.

## **Thursday 28 December      The Holy Innocents**

*The account of Herod's edict to kill all male children under two years of age in Bethlehem can be found in Matthew 2.1-12 and 16-23. The parallel with Pharaoh's slaying of the first-born of Israel (Exodus 1.13-22) is strong. But Bethlehem was only a village and modern scholars think the number of babies involved would not have been large.*

*Anglican                  Diocese of Lebombo (Province of South Africa), Bishop Dinis  
Communion              Salomao Sengulane, clergy and people.  
The Province of Southern Africa includes the countries of South  
Africa, Lesotho, Swaziland, Angola, Mozambique, Namibia, St  
Helena and Ascension Island. Total population 80,700,000.  
28.5 million Christians. 3 million Anglicans with 26 Dioceses,  
1,240 clergy, 994 parishes and 1,900 congregations.*

*Calder                      Lars Nowen as he takes up the position as Chaplain of St Bees  
Deanery                    School along with his parish responsibilities.*

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## **Friday 29 December      Thomas Becket, archbishop, martyr, 1118-1170**

*As Archdeacon of Canterbury was involved in getting the Pope's approval to Henry II's accession and was the King's Chancellor, friend and a Statesmen and diplomatist. He was, reluctantly, persuaded to become Archbishop but, having done so changed his way of life and fearlessly opposed the King's depredations on the Church. After six years in exile he came back to England with papal authority to suspend the Archbishop of York and six other bishops who had collaborated with the King. On Christmas Day 1170, the King, in a rage, asked who would rid him of his troublesome Archbishop. Four knights hacked him down in his cathedral causing universal horror.*

*Anglican                  Diocese of Leicester (Province of Canterbury, England), Bishop  
Communion              Timothy John Stevens, clergy and people.  
Population 893,000. 329 churches, 242 parishes, 161  
stipendiary clergy. Diocese was restored in 1926. No  
suffragan but one Assistant Bishop (John Austin).*

*Calder                      Remember with gratitude the Readers ministry in their own  
Deanery                    parishes and the Deanery at this time.*

## **Saturday 30 December**

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Lesotho (Province of South Africa), Bishop Joseph Mahapu Tsubella, clergy and people.  
*(For notes on South Africa see 28 December)*
- Calder Deanery* Give thanks for our Deanery Mission and the encouragement it brought for faith, and increase in faith, in Christ.
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## **SUNDAY 31 December Christmas 1 (New Year's Even)**

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Lexington (Province IV, USA), Bishop Stacy Fred Sauls, clergy and people.  
*The Episcopal Church of the USA has 9 Provinces and 109 Dioceses. Out of a total population of almost 288 million, only 2 million are Episcopalians, in 7,403 parishes and served by 15,310 clergy.*
- Calder Deanery* Our Archdeacon, Colin Hill, in all his travelling and responsibilities across the Archdeaconry.
- Porvoo Churches* Diocese of Lapua (Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland), Bishop Simo Peura [linked with](#) Diocese of Durham (York), Bishop Tom Wright and his Suffragan John Pritchard (Jarrow).

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