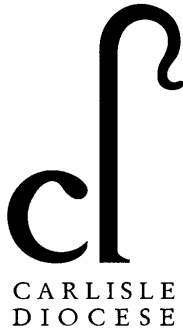


# Prayer Diary

## JANUARY 2007



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

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**Monday 1 January**

*Naming and Circumcision of Jesus*

*Anglican  
Communion*

Diocese of Liberia (West Africa), Bishop Edward W Neufville,  
clergy and people.

*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.*

*Solway  
Deanery*

For the Rural Dean: Bryan Rowe, Lay Chair: Pat Hirst;  
Secretary: Donald Leighton.

## Tuesday 2 January

1. *Basil the Great and Gregory of Nagianzus, bishops, teachers of the faith, 379 and 389*
2. *Seraphim, monk, spiritual guide, 1759-1833*
3. *Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah, bishop evangelist, 1874-1945*

*Basil the Great, 329-368. Eldest son of Christian parents from Asia Minor. He visited monasteries in Syria, Egypt, Palestine and Mesopotamia, spent a period as a hermit and founded a monastery on the River Pontus. He assisted Bishop Eusebius for some years and then succeeded him. He defended orthodoxy against Arianism and established the Basilica, a hospital for the sick and poor which became a model. His influence affected both Eastern and Western churches.*

*Gregory of Nagianzus, 329-390. Friend and colleague of Basil the Great. When Basil went to help Bishop Eusebius of Caesarea, Gregory went home to help his father who was Bishop of Nagianzus. He later became patriarch of Constantinople. He is celebrated, with Basil, as one of the Fathers of the Eastern Church.*

*(For notes on Seraphim and Bishop Azariah see January next year).*

*Anglican Communion* Diocese of Lichfield (Canterbury, England), Bishop Jonathan Gledhill and three Suffragans, (Shrewsbury) Bishop Alan Clayton Smith; (Stafford) Bishop Alfred Mursell; (Wolverhampton) Bishop Michael Bourke, clergy and people. *Lichfield: Founded 644, formerly Mercia. Now covers Staffordshire, a few parishes in the northern part of Shropshire, part of Telford; Wolverhampton; Walsall and the northern half of Sandwell. Population almost 2 million, 582 churches, 426 parishes, 380 stipendiary clergy.*

*Solway Deanery* Benefice of Allonby, Cross Canonby and Dearham. Vicar: Mary Day; Assistant Clergy: Susan McKendry; Assistant Curate: Margaret Fogg; Assistant Priest: Bill Asbury; Reader: Wendy Dyer. For all the work with young people in the benefice and the links with St John's C of E (VC) School.

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## Wednesday 3 January

*Anglican Communion* Diocese of Limerick & Killaloe (Dublin, Ireland), Bishop Michael Mayes, clergy and people. *The Church of Ireland traces its origins to St Patrick in the fifth century. It has a General Synod established in 1890. The Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan is Robert Eames, Archbishop of Armagh. The Church of Ireland covers the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. There are 12 Dioceses. Total population is 4.5 million of whom only 400,000 are Anglicans, with 450 parishes and 500 clergy.*

*Diocese of Carlisle* Bishop's Staff Meeting at Rose Castle.

*Solway Deanery* Binsey Team Ministry. Team Rector: Stephen Walker; Team Vicar: Ian Wright; Assistant Priest: Jeffrey Fearnley; Readers: Hilary Chaddock, Pat Hirst, Barbara Bradshaw and Graham Cox.

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### **Thursday 4 January**

*Anglican Communion* Diocese of Lincoln (Canterbury, England), Bishop John Saxbee and two Suffragans, (Grantham) vacancy; (Grimsby) Bishop Douglas Rossdale, clergy and people.  
*Lincoln: Founded 1072, formerly Dorchester 886, Leicester 680, originally Lindine 678; now comprises Lincolnshire except for an area in the west which is in the Diocese of Sheffield. Population 930,000, 648 churches, 512 parishes and 283 stipendiary clergy.*

*Diocese of Carlisle* Steering Committee at Church House, 12 noon.

*Solway Deanery* The parishes of Allhallows, Plumbland and Torpenhow.  
Plumbland C of E (VC) School and Bothel C of E (VA) School.

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### **Friday 5 January**

*Anglican Communion* Diocese of Litoral Ecuador (Province IX, USA), Bishop Alfredo Morante, 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.*

*Solway Deanery* For all those, young and old, who are preparing or considering Confirmation. Also for those recently confirmed.

*Our Bishops* Bishop James at the Walk Cumbria Task Force meeting.

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### **Saturday 6 January                      The Epiphany**

*Anglican Communion* Diocese of Liverpool (York, England), Bishop James Jones and Suffragan (Warrington) Bishop David Jennings, clergy and people.

*Liverpool: Founded 1880. Population 1,568,000, 256 churches, 210 parishes and 255 stipendiary clergy.*

*Solway  
Deanery*

Benefice of Aspatria, Hayton and Gilcrux. Vicar: Clive Shaw; Reader: Brenda Gear. That the parishes may discover and nurture the gifts of every member of the church and encourage their use. Also for growth in worship and activities for young people and their families.

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## **SUNDAY 7 January**

## **1 Epiphany. Baptism of Christ.**

*Anglican  
Communion*

Principality of Wales, Archbishop and Bishop of Llandaff, Barry Morgan, clergy and people.  
*Population 2,900,000. Anglicans 95,000. 6 Dioceses, 578 parishes, 765 clergy. Primate: Dr Barry Morgan.*

*Solway  
Deanery*

Hayton for a growth and deepening of their prayer life and to improve the links with the young. Gilcrux looking to develop more family-friendly worship and improve the links with the wider community.

*Our Bishops*

Bishop James at the Service to Launch the Mission Unit at Gosforth.

*Porvoo  
Churches*

Diocese of Strängnäs - Church of Sweden - Bishop Hans-Erik Nordin. Diocese of Tampere - Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland - Bishop Juha Pihkala. Diocese of Manchester - Church of England - Bishops Nigel McCulloch (Diocesan), David Gillett (Bolton), Michael Lewis (Middleton), Stephen Lowe (Hulme).

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## **Monday 8 January**

*Anglican  
Communion*

Diocese of Lakoja (Province of Abuja, Nigeria), Bishop Emmanuel Sokowamju Egbunu, 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.*

*Solway* Workington St John. Vicar: John Cook and the people of the  
*Deanery* parish with their special ministry to the town.

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## **Tuesday 9 January**

*Anglican* Diocese of London. Diocesan: Bishop Richard Chartres and  
*Communion* four area Bishops: (Stepney) Bishop Stephen Oliver;  
(Kensington) Bishop Michael Colclough; (Edmonton) Bishop  
Peter Wheatley; (Willesden) Bishop Peter Broadbent. Suffragan  
Bishop of Fulham Bishop John Broadhurst, clergy and people.  
*London: Founded in 314. Population 3½ million; 480 churches; 552  
stipendiary clergy.*

*Solway* The work of the Solway Deanery Synod. For those who speak  
*Deanery* and lead at synods, for Standing Committees and all its officers.  
Most of all for the fellowship and sharing at Synod.

*Our Bishops* Bishop Graham arriving in Chennai, India for his visit to  
Madras - 9th to 22nd.

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## **Wednesday 10 January** *William Laud, archbishop, 1573-1645*

*Leader of the High Church Party, opposed to the Calvinistic practices being adopted in the C of E. His views were close to those of Charles I in whose reign Laud became successively Bishop of Bath & Wells, Bishop of London and Archbishop of Canterbury. He sought obedience from the clergy, refused to ordain men who engaged in itinerant preaching rather than ministering to parishes and insisted that the altar should be moved from the centre of the church and placed at the east end where it would be a focus of worship. But when the Long Parliament met in 1640, the Earl of Strafford and Laud were both impeached for treason. Strafford was executed and, after four years in prison Laud too went to the scaffold.*

*Anglican* Diocese of Long Island (Province II, USA), Bishop Orris  
*Communion* Walker, and Suffragan (Long Island) Bishop Rodney, clergy  
and people.  
*(For notes on USA see 5 January)*

*Solway* Benefice of Brigham, Great Broughton and Broughton Moor.  
*Deanery* Vicar: David King; Assistant Priest: Margery Simpson;  
Readers: Jean Sorensen and Christine Ashcroft. For the strong  
links with St Bridget's C of E (VC) School.

*Our Bishops* Bishop James at the York Province Mothers' Union President's  
Conference, 'Faith in Action', at Hinsley Hall 10th to 11th.

## Thursday 11 January

*Mary Slessor, missionary, 1848-1915*

*She came from a poor Presbyterian family in Aberdeen and was working in the mills at the age of 11. She went to night school and Bible classes and when she was 30, after special training, achieved her ambition of being sent to Calabar, Nigeria. She was only 5ft tall, flaming red hair but tough. She worked among the Okoyong, a Bantee tribe who practised ritual sacrifice, trial by ordeal and twin murder. Mary opposed “the heathen practices”, saved children and started an orphanage for them. The Bantee people were in awe of her but came to love her. In 1891 she became a magistrate but died shortly after the outbreak of World War I and was mourned as “everybody’s mother”.*

*Anglican Communion*          Diocese of Los Angeles (Province VIII, USA), Bishop Joseph Bruno, and Suffragan Chester Talton, clergy and people.  
(For notes on USA see 5 January)

*Diocese of Carlisle*          The Cathedral Chapter meets at 10.30 am.

*Solway Deanery*          Benefice of Camerton, Seaton and West Seaton. Vicar: Ian Grainger; Assistant Priest: Peter Simpson; Reader: Grace Blackwell. For the ministry of this area and for the links with Seaton C of E Junior (VC) School.

*Our Bishops*          Bishop James - York Province MU President’s Conference continues.

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## Friday 12 January

*1. Aelred Rievaulx, 1110-1167*

*2. Benedict Biscop, scholar, 628-690*

*Aelred of Rievaulx was abbot of the largest Cistercian monastery in England, with 150 choir monks and 500 lay brothers. He was noted for his charitable rule, his personal asceticism and his patience. Bernard of Clairvaux held him in high esteem and sent him to Rome to protest against the appointment of William Fitzherbert as Archbishop of York. Despite poor health he travelled indefatigably. His writings include two celebrated treatises “Spiritual Friendship” and “The Mirror of Charity”. He also wrote biographies of Edward the Confessor, Ninian of Scotland and the Saints of Hexham. Benedict Biscop a Northumbrian who travelled with Wilfred on his journey to Rome but parted company at Lyons and Biscop spent several years in Frankish monasteries. His knowledge of Benedictine life was valuable, after the Synod of Whitby, when English, Welsh and Scottish monasteries were changing from the Celtic to the Latin Rite. Biscop made six journeys to Rome, bringing many cartloads of books, sacred pictures, vestments and a chanter who taught Gregorian plainsong. He founded the monastery at Monkwearmouth.*

*Anglican Communion*          Diocese of Louisiana (Province IV, USA), Bishop Charles Jenkins, clergy and people.  
(For notes on USA see 5 January)

<i>Diocese of Carlisle</i>	Windermere Deanery Synod at 10 am. Social Responsibility Forum at Barrow at 10 am. CBDTI Weekend at Rydal.
<i>Solway Deanery</i>	Benefice of Distington. Curate-in-Charge: Kath Richardson. For the two study and prayer groups. Also for discernment for the future and encouragement of all aspects of church life.
<i>Our Bishops</i>	Bishop Graham attending Diocesan Council, Madras 12th/16th.

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## **Saturday 13 January**

*Hilary, bishop, teacher of the faith, c.315-365*  
*Kentigern (Mungo) missionary bishop, c.518-603*  
*George Fox, 1624-1691*

Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers in 350, took a stand against the Arians who were supported by the Emperor Constantius. He was exiled to Asia Minor for four years but produced his greatest works, a treatise on the Trinity and one on Synods. He returned to Poitiers in 361. He was highly praised by Jerome and Augustine of Hippo who both call him “the Athanasius of the West”.

Kentigern was said to have been the son of a Scottish princess who, refusing to name her lover, was thrown from a cliff overlooking the Firth of Forth. But she and her child survived and Kentigern was brought up by a monk who called him Mungo or ‘darling’. He became a Celtic monk, so honoured in the Strathclyde region that the people asked that he should be their bishop. He lived into his eighties and St Mungo’s Cathedral in Glasgow commemorates him as first Bishop of Glasgow.

George Fox 1624-1691 (see notes next year).

*Anglican Communion* Diocese of Luapula (Central Africa), Bishop Robert Mumbi, clergy and people.  
*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.*

*Diocese of Carlisle* CBDTI Residential Weekend continues.

*Solway Deanery* For those training for ministry at the moment and especially those on their CBDTI residential weekend. For the Solway Plain Team as they share a vision day today.

*Our Bishops* Bishop Graham - Diocesan Council Madras.

## **SUNDAY 14 January            2nd Sunday of Epiphany**

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Pray for the coming Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18th - 25th. Pray for all local events and services.
<i>Diocese of Carlisle</i>	CBDTI Residential Weekend continues.
<i>Solway Deanery</i>	Kath Richardson Lay Training Officer for the Solway Deanery. For work undertaken and training provided and that more parishes will become involved.
<i>Our Bishops</i>	Bishop Graham - Diocesan Council Madras and preaching at Madras Cathedral today. Bishop James at the Evangelical Bishops' meeting at Leeds 14th to 15th.
<i>Porvoo Churches</i>	Diocese of Birmingham - Church of England - Bishop David Urquhart and the Bishop of Aston ( <u>vacancy</u> ) <u>together with</u> Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross - Church of Ireland, Province of Dublin - Bishop Paul Colton.

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## **Monday 15 January**

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Diocese of Lucknow (North India), Bishop Anil Stephen, 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>
<i>Solway Deanery</i>	Clergy Chapter, Fraternal and the Work of Churches Together throughout the deanery. For their vision and outreach and their witness to the wider community.
<i>Our Bishops</i>	Bishop Graham - Diocesan Council Madras. Bishop James - the Evangelical Bishops' meeting at Leeds continues.

## Tuesday 16 January

*Anglican Communion* Diocese of Lui (Sudan), Bishop Bullen Dolli, 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.*

*Diocese of Carlisle* Council for Evangelism, Rydal Hall, 7.30 pm.

*Solway Deanery* Benefice of Harrington St Mary vacant. That the right person will be found to lead this benefice into its next phase of ministry. For neighbouring clergy and retired clergy for all their help - also for the lay leadership being shown in this parish.

*Our Bishops* Bishop Graham - Diocesan Council Madras and at the Madras Consultation today. Bishop James at the House of Bishops' meeting 16th to 18th.

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## Wednesday 17 January

*Antony of Egypt, hermit, abbot, c.251-356*  
*Charles Gore, bishop, 1853-1932*

*Antony of Egypt: most famous of the Desert Fathers of N. Africa. A biography of his very long life, written within a year of his death, describes his great asceticism and his temptations in his long periods of solitude. Antony sold his family estates, gave the money to the poor and lived for 13 years in a disused cemetery in Upper Egypt before moving into the Arabian desert. Other solitaries came to live near him and he founded two monasteries on the Eastern pattern where the monks lived alone but came together for worship and meditation. See Helen Waddell's "The Desert Fathers".*

*Charles Gore: Oxford scholar, vice-principal of Cuddesdon T.C. at age of 27. A Christian Socialist in the tradition of F.D. Maurice and a moderate Anglo-Catholic, he became the first principal of Pusey House, Oxford, before founding the Community of the Resurrection in 1887. His views on the Person of Christ, which would be unexceptionable today drew bitter attacks from extreme Anglo-Catholics and extreme Protestants. Consecrated Bishop of Worcester in 1902, much involved in the creation of the Diocese of Birmingham of which he became the first bishop in 1905. In 1911 he became Bishop of Oxford and retired in 1919 at the age of 66 and was much involved in movements for world peace, industrial order, church unity and the foundation of the Industrial Christian Fellowship. Among his theological writings was A New Commentary on Holy Scripture (1928).*

*Anglican Communion* Diocese of Lusaka (Central Africa), Bishop David Njovu, clergy and people.  
(For notes on Central Africa see 13 January)

- Diocese of Carlisle* Joint Diocesan Parsonages Conference at Rydal Hall.
- Solway Deanery* Maryport, Netherton and Flimby Team Ministry. Team Rector: Vacant; Team Vicar: Kevin Ellis, Assistant Clergy: Irene Fearon; Reader: Geoff Moore. That the right person will be found to lead this team into its next phase of ministry.
- Our Bishops* Bishop Graham at the Partnership in Mission Consultation in Madras. Bishop James - House of Bishops' meeting continues.
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**Thursday 18 January**      *'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity' begins (see back page).*

- Anglican Communion* Pray for the Lusitanian Church (Portugal), Bishop Fernando Soares, clergy and people.
- Solway Deanery* The people of the parishes and congregations of the Maryport, Netherton and Flimby Team Ministry. Remembering all the work which takes place in the many schools in the area.
- Our Bishops* Bishop James - House of Bishops' meeting continues.
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**Friday 19 January**      *Wulfstan, bishop, 1009-1095*

*Wulfstan was a Benedictine monk who became Bishop of Worcester. Educated in the abbey schools at Evesham and Peterborough, was ordained and chose to become a monk and about 1050 became prior of the small cathedral priory of only twelve monks. In 1063 he became Bishop of Worcester. After the Norman Conquest he was one of the first Bishops to acknowledge William the Conqueror. In his later years Wulfstan rebuilt Worcester Cathedral. He was Bishop for 32 years, lived to the remarkable age of 87, had a reputation of being hard working, humble and generous.*

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Luwero (Uganda), Bishop Evans Kisekka, 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.*

*Solway Deanery* The Solway Plain Team Ministry. Team Rector: Sharon Swain; Team Vicars: Alan Byrom, David Tembey; Assistant Curate: Peter Streatfeild; Deacon: Muriel Studholme; Assistant Priest: Peter Hayward; Readers: Maurice Jefferson and Tim Barker. For this Team as they plan and look to the future - that gifts and skills will be revealed and that the whole team and parishioners can work as one.

*Our Bishops* Bishop Graham - Healing Conference in Madras 19th to 20th.

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**Saturday 20 January** *Richard Rolle, spiritual writer, d.1349*  
(For notes on Richard Rolle - January 2008).

*Anglican Communion* Diocese of Machakos (Kenya), Bishop Joseph Kanuku, clergy and people.  
*Kenya has 26 Dioceses.*

*Solway Deanery* Churches and congregations of Bromfield, Holme Cultram St Cuthbert, Holme Cultram St Mary, Silloth Christ Church with Causewayhead, Waverton and Westnewton. Schools: Abbey C of E (VC) School and St Matthew's C of E (VA) School. Especially for wisdom and vision for St Mary's Abbeystown.

*Our Bishops* Bishop Graham - Healing Conference in Madras.

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**SUNDAY 21 January** **3rd Sunday of Epiphany**

*Anglican Communion* Diocese of Madhya Kerala (South Africa), Bishop Thomas Samuel, 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.*

*Solway Deanery* For the parishes and their aims for Survival to Revival. That they may reflect upon their aims as they work and pray to bring them to fruition. For Workington Churches Together Week of Prayer, speaker Bishop James.

*Our Bishops* Bishop Graham at a Parish Confirmation in Madras. Bishop James preaching at the Hebron Church, Carlisle.

Porvoo  
Churches

Diocese of Bangor - The Church in Wales - Bishop Anthony  
Crockett together with Diocese of Dublin & Glendalough -  
Church of Ireland - Archbishop John Neill.

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## **Monday 22 January**

*Vincent of Saragossa, deacon, martyr, d.304*

*Vincent was a deacon in Spain when Dacian, known for his cruelty, was the Roman governor. Vincent was related to Valerius, Bishop of Saragossa and was arrested with him charged with refusing to worship the Roman gods. Because Valerius had a speech impediment, Vincent spoke for him but died under torture. Vincent became the protomartyr of Spain. He is represented on the Henry VII tomb in Westminster Abbey.*

Anglican  
Communion

Diocese of Madi & West Nile (Uganda), Bishop Enock Lee  
Drati, clergy and people.  
*(For notes on Uganda see 19 January)*

Diocese of  
Carlisle

Training Team meets at 8.30 am. Coniston Management  
Committee at 11 am. The Revd Lars Nowen being licensed this  
evening as Priest-in-Charge and Chaplain to St Bees School  
(Bishop James).

Solway  
Deanery

Brenda Gear and her Deanery Work with the Elderly. All  
Readers in the deanery and those in training. Also Retired  
Ministers in the Deanery for their ministry, dedication and  
service.

Our Bishops

Bishop Graham at the Sage Group Meeting in London.

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## **Tuesday 23 January**

Anglican  
Communion

Diocese of Madurai-Ramnad (South India), Bishop, clergy and  
people.  
*The Church of South India embraces the two countries of India and Sri  
Lanka. There are 21 Dioceses.*

Diocese of  
Carlisle

First Incumbents' Course. DAC meeting at 10.30 am.  
Communications Group at 2.00 pm. PWM at 2.15 pm.

Solway  
Deanery

For all parish aims identified through Survival to Revival and  
that the necessary skills, training and vision may sow seeds,  
nurture, encourage, and eventually reap a harvest.

Our Bishops

Bishop Graham at the 1st Incumbents' Course at Rydal.

**Wednesday 24 January**      *Francis de Sales, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1567-1622*

*More than 50 years after Calvin's Protestant reforms, Francis was appointed, by the RC Church, as Provost of Geneva, a city which was effectively a Protestant state. He travelled through the mountainous rural areas re-opening churches and finding priests to serve them. In 1602 he became Bishop of Geneva. A gentle and sensitive priest, he became renowned as a spiritual director and many of his pastoral letters survive. His treatises "On the Love of God" and "Introduction to a Devout Life"*

- Anglican Communion*      Diocese of Mahajanga (Indian Ocean), Bishop Jean-Claude Andrianjafimanana, clergy and people.  
*The Province of the Indian Ocean includes 3 countries: Madagascar, Mauritius and Seychelles. Total population is 14½ million of which 120,000 are Anglicans, in 7 Dioceses, 86 parishes and 114 clergy. French is the official language of the Province.*
- Diocese of Carlisle*      First Incumbents' Course continues. MU Diocesan Leaders Day. DBF Finance Committee at 10.30 am. Council for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing at 2.00 pm.
- Solway Deanery*      St Michael Workington. Rector: Bryan Rowe; Assistant Curate: Shaun Sandham; Reader: Richard Jones. For the ministry and witness of St Michael's, for all who come to the Church be it for worship or to use the conference facilities - may their hearts be touched. For the work and dedication of those who work and encourage the youth of the parish.
- Our Bishops*      Bishop Graham at the New Wine Rural Leaders Retreat at Scargill - 24th to 25th.
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**Thursday 25 January**      **Conversion of Paul**

- Anglican Communion*      Diocese of Lagos West (Province of Lagos, Nigeria), Bishop Peter Adebisi, clergy and people.  
*(For notes on Nigeria see 8 January)*
- Diocese of Carlisle*      First Incumbents' Course continues. The Revd Sheila Hughes being licensed as Priest-in-Charge of St John the Evangelist, Barrow Island, and Chaplain to BAE Barrow Shipyard (Bishop James).
- Solway Deanery*      St Mary's Westfield. Vicar: Alex Armstrong; Assistant Clergy: Malcolm Stillwell; Readers: Doreen MacManus and Fergus McManus. For Alex's health and prayers for healing. For the great team work in this parish.

**Friday 26 January**

*Timothy and Titus, companions of Paul*

*Timothy, described by Paul as ‘my loyal child in the faith’ accompanied Paul on his missions to Philippi and undertook missions to other Greek cities. He was with Paul when the Letters to the Philippians, the Colossians and the Thessalonians were written, and he is mentioned in all three. Paul’s two Letters to Timothy were written when Timothy was in Ephesus and may have become bishop. One record says he was killed at Ephesus. Titus was a Greek, who worked with Paul at a later stage in his ministry and was sent to a number of churches in Greece and Dalmatia. The Letter to Titus is written to him in Crete but there is some doubt about its authenticity. Eusibius records that Titus eventually became Bishop of Crete.*

*Anglican Communion*      Diocese of Maine (Province I, USA), Bishop Chilton Knudsen, clergy and people.  
*(For notes on USA see 5 January)*

*Diocese of Carlisle*      Bishop’s Council Residential.

*Solway Deanery*      For all those who serve on Diocesan Committees, and especially the Bishop’s Council and Standing Committee.

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**Saturday 27 January**

*Anglican Communion*      Diocese of Makamba (Burundi), Bishop Martin Nyaboho, clergy and people.  
*The Church of the Province of Burundi had its first bishop in 1965. In 1985 the President expelled expatriate missionaries, imprisoned many church leaders and re-possessed much church property. The present government has changed this policy and it became an independent Province in 1992. But it is a minority church in a predominantly Roman Catholic nation. It is a dangerous country and some priests and pastors have been killed. The population is almost 6 million. Christians form 85% (RC’s 65%; Anglicans and Protestants 20%). There are 300,000 Anglicans, 5 Dioceses, 170 priest and 150 parishes.*

*Diocese of Carlisle*      Bishop’s Council Residential.

*Solway Deanery*      For all who have responded to the diocesan training programme and especially “Called to Serve”.

**SUNDAY 28 January****4th Sunday of Epiphany**

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Diocese of Makurdi (Province of Abuja, Nigeria), Bishop Nathan Inyom, clergy and people. <i>(For notes on Nigeria see 8 January)</i>
<i>Diocese of Carlisle</i>	The Revd Sarah Lunn being licensed as Priest-in-Charge of Longmarton and Dufton and with Milburn (Bishop Graham).
<i>Solway Deanery</i>	For those who will be confirmed today at Great Broughton (Solway) and Burgh by Sands (Carlisle) - Bishop Graham.
<i>Our Bishops</i>	Bishop Graham at the Licensing Service for Sarah Lunn to Long Marton
<i>Porvoo Churches</i>	Diocese of Worcester - Church of England - Bishop Peter Selby <u>together with</u> Diocese of Hamar - The Church of Norway - and its new Bishop (not yet named).

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**Monday 29 January**

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Diocese of Malaita (Melanesia), Bishop Terry Brown and the Assistant Bishop Alfred Hou, clergy and people. <i>The Province of Melanesia consists of three countries: New Caledonia, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. There are 8 Dioceses.</i>
<i>Diocese of Carlisle</i>	Brampton Deanery Synod this evening.
<i>Solway Deanery</i>	For all those little jobs that are done in and around our churches and parishes by people who are happy to be in the background.
<i>Our Bishops</i>	Bishop Graham at St Martin's Governing Body at Lancaster. Bishop James at the Walk Cumbria Task Force meeting.

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**Tuesday 30 January****Charles I, king and martyr, 1600-1649**

*King of Great Britain and Ireland, executed in Whitehall on 30.1.1649 after the defeat of his forces in the Civil War. He was the eldest son of James I but encountered growing difficulties due to the opposition of a Puritan dominated Parliament, his wife being a practising RC, his efforts to raise money through taxation and his own tendencies to absolutist government. His enemies called him a traitor, tyrant and enemy of the people but he was a devout churchman and an upholder of episcopacy. He died bravely maintaining to the last that 'a king cannot be tried by any superior jurisdiction'. His execution still arouses passionate debate – not least because both sides, king and parliament, appealed to Christian principles.*

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Diocese of Malakai (Sudan), Bishop Hilary Garang, clergy and people. <i>(For notes on Sudan see 16 January)</i>
<i>Solway Deanery</i>	For all the preparations taking place for Walk Cumbria. For the numerous small teams around the diocese and the many different events planned.
<i>Our Bishops</i>	Bishop Graham - Carlisle Leaders Residential at Rose Castle. Bishop James at the First Incumbents' Reunion.

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**Wednesday 31 January**     *John Bosco, priest, 1815-1888*

*John Bosco founder of the Salesian Order. Son of a peasant farmer in North Italy who grew up in great poverty when N. Italy was suffering from political upheaval and the first effects of industrialization. After ordination devoted himself to working with homeless boys living on the streets of Turin. He started workshops and founded an Order named after Francis de Sales. The Order spread, despite opposition, to other parts of Italy and to other parts of Europe and to the USA. Today there are more than 2,000 communities in many countries.*

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Diocese of Manchester (York, England), Bishop Nigel McCulloch, three Suffragans: (Bolton) David Gillett; (Hulme) Stephen Lowe; (Middleton) Michael Lewis, clergy and people. <i>Manchester: Founded 1847. Population almost 2 million; 365 churches; 300 stipendiary clergy.</i>
<i>Solway Deanery</i>	For all Incumbents, Assistant Curates, NSMs, Readers and Commissioned Ministers as they share together the leadership ministry - may they always remember their calling to serve.
<i>Our Bishops</i>	Bishop Graham - Carlisle Leaders Residential at Rose Castle.

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**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2007**

This week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a worldwide movement of Christians of many denominations who are engaged in praying and working for the unity of Christians in the redemption, unity and peace of all peoples. Every year the dates are the same, 18 to 25 January,. Praying for unity does not involve prayer for any specific schemes for unity. It is about being true to the prayer of Jesus Christ, as in John 17, 'that they may be one'.

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