

Carlisle Diocese Prayer Diary

MARCH 2017



'Four churches journeying together'

*Praying with our fellow Christians in Cumbria,
together with our link dioceses of
Northern Argentina, Stavanger and Zululand*

This month we focus on the Brampton Deanery



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Wednesday 1 March

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- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Mandalay - (Province of Myanmar) The Rt Revd David Nyi Nyi Naing, clergy and people.
Anglican chaplains and missionaries worked in Burma in the early and mid-nineteenth century. The Province of Myanmar was formed in 1970, 9 years after the declaration of Buddhism as the state religion and 4 years after all foreign missionaries were forced to leave. The church is not involved in social work as this field of action is taken over by the government. The Church of Myanmar has 6 Dioceses. Anglican membership totals 62,000 out of an estimated population of 48,300,000. There are 300 parishes and 125 priests.
- Brampton Deanery* Pray for Lee Townend, new Archdeacon of Carlisle. Pray for the Lent services and Lunches that have been organised across the deanery.
- Our Bishops* Bishop James, Dementia Studies, Worcester.
Bishop Robert, Meet with new Archdeacons, Church House.

Thursday 2 March

Chad, bishop, missionary, 672

A Lindisfarne monk who succeeded his brother Cedd as Abbot of Lastingham. King Oswin of Northumbria invited Chad to become a Bishop, taking the place of Wilfrid, who had gone to Gaul to be consecrated. Chad was consecrated in Winchester. However, Wilfrid eventually returned and alleged that Chad's consecration was invalid! The newly appointed Archbishop of Canterbury, Theodore, installed Wilfrid as the bishop of a reduced diocese of Northumbria and established Chad as the Bishop of Mercia. There he founded monasteries and churches in what became the Diocese of Lichfield.

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Manicaland - (Province of Central Africa) The Rt Revd Erick Ruwona, clergy and people.
The Province includes Botswana, Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. The first Anglican missionary to Malawi was Bishop Charles Mackenzie, who arrived with David Livingstone in 1861. The Province was inaugurated in 1955 and has a movable bishopric. The countries forming the Province are very different. Zambia and Botswana suffer difficulties of rapid industrialization, along with thinly populated areas. In Malawi, 30 per cent of the adult males are away as migrant labourers and Zimbabwe has problems of social adjustment after independence. The Province has 15 Dioceses for a population of nearly 32 million. There are 15 million Christians of which Anglicans number 600,000. There are 250 parishes, and 400 clergy.

- Brampton* For those preparing to be married in all the churches of

Deanery Brampton Deanery this summer that they have hearts open to receive God's word and Spirit. For the services to help couples recognise their responsibility to help each other to become all that God intends them to be. For families to release their children to live independently. For the many people who visit our churches during the Summer to think more deeply about faith in Jesus.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Bishops Together in Mission, Durham, 2 - 5 March

Friday 3 March

Anglican Communion Diocese of Te Hui Amorangi ki Te Tairawhiti - (Province of Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Revd Don Tamihere, clergy and people.
Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. Primate: John Campbell Paterson. Formerly known as the Church of the Province of New Zealand, the Church covers 106,000 square miles and includes the countries of New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga, Samoa and the Cook Islands. It was established as an autonomous Church in 1857.

Brampton Deanery For the gatherings today in many places for the Women's world day of prayer. For the farming community in North Cumbria to trust God with their animals – especially during lambing season. For forestry workers to trust in God's protection – especially during clear felling and transport. For links with the churches in Brampton with the airmen and staff and families working at Spadeadam.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Bishops Together in Mission, Durham, 2 - 5 March
Bishop Robert, Interviews, Church House, Penrith; Licensing of Becky Gibbs, St Bees.

Saturday 4 March

Anglican Communion Diocese of Mara - (Province of Tanzania) The Rt Revd Hilkih Omino Deya, clergy and people.
The Universities Mission to Central Africa and the Church Missionary Society began work in 1864 and 1878 at Mpwapwa. The Province was inaugurated in 1970 following the division of the Province of East Africa into the Province of Kenya and the Province of Tanzania. The 19

dioceses represent both evangelical and Anglo-Catholic Churches. There are 16 bishops and 685 priests. The population is 30 million - 45% are Christians and 35% Muslims. Approx. 2 million are Anglicans.

- Brampton Deanery** Pray for all the members of PCC's attending the LICC Imagine Conference in Carlisle Today - for PCC's to realise how much the local church is the key resource for enabling members of church to live for Christ on their 'front lines' where God has put them to live and work. Pray for people to be open to God's calling to serve in their local churches as lay leaders in particular.
- Our Bishops** Bishop James, Bishops Together in Mission, Durham, 2 - 5 March
Bishop Robert, Cursillo Celebration with Commissioning of new Treasurer, Penrith URC

SUNDAY 5 March**First Sunday of Lent**

- Anglican Communion** Diocese of Marathwada - (Province of North India) The Rt Revd Madhukar Kasab, clergy and people.
The Province of North India was inaugurated in 1970 after many years of preparation. It includes the Anglican Church, the United Church of Northern India (Congregationalist and Presbyterian). The Methodist Church (British and Australian Conferences), the Council of Baptist Churches in Northern India, the Church of the Brethren in India, and the Disciples of Christ. Along with the Church of South India, the Church of Pakistan, and the Church of Bangladesh, it is one of the four United Churches. The population is 500,000,000, with 27 Dioceses.
- Brampton Deanery** For David Craven leading the churches in Holme Eden and Weatherall and Warwick Bridge. Pray for the ongoing work with families, especially Tots Cafe at Wetherall on Tuesday (am) and Jelly Tots at Holme Eden on Thursday(am). Pray for James Edgell the benefice Children and Families Worker that the Lord would richly bless his ministry here.
- Vocations** We pray for all who run local courses - Pilgrim, Emmaus, Alpha, confirmation and baptism. We pray for all those exploring what it means to be Christ's disciples. We pray for the Vocations Advisers in the Brampton Deanery.
- God For All** Pray for Toddlers Groups and for their impact connecting families. Pray for Network Youth Church and their plans for the time ahead.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Bishops Together in Mission, Durham, 2 - 5 March
Bishop Robert, Confirmation, Sedbergh School.

Monday 6 March

Anglican Communion Diocese of Maridi - (Province of Minye, Sudan) The Rt Revd Justin Badi Arama, 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 Anglican clergy. The Anglican Church has grown with amazing speed during the period of persecution.

Brampton Deanery For a thoughtful response across all the churches to the encouragement from Peter Clements to consider a call to serve God in our local churches in new capacities. Pray for lay people to gain a heart for ministry. For PCC's to catch the vision of the Moving Mountains Mission and start planning events in their areas and thinking about how to use the volunteer visiting teams who are due to come and help during the actual mission.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Ecumenical Pilgrimage, Holy Land, 6th–16th March
Bishop Robert, Bishops Leadership Team, Holmcroft; Alun Hurd Licensing – Priest in Charge of the High Westmorland parishes, St Michael's Church, Shap.

Tuesday 7 March

Anglican Communion Diocese of Marsabit - (Province of Kenya) The Rt Revd Robert Martin, clergy and people.

The first Kenyan Bishops were consecrated in 1955. The Church became part of the Province of East Africa established in 1960, but by 1970 Kenya was formed into a separate Province. A total population of 30,700,000 with 29 Anglican dioceses.

Brampton Deanery For Philip Greenhalgh and Rob Brown leading the churches in Bewcastle, Stapelton and Kirkclinton. For the opportunities to teach children about faith in Christ in the local primary schools at assemblies and special services ; for their contact with the head teachers at Fir Ends, Shankhill and Bewcastle primary schools and as they encourage links with the churches. For Rob and Adele Brown as they establish the Greenholme House of

prayer. For Dick Davidson and Tony Bashford serving as lay readers.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Ecumenical Pilgrimage, Holy Land, 6th–16th March

Wednesday 8 March **Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln**

Edward King was born in 1829, son of a clergyman. At 19 years old he went to Oxford, Oriel College. Academically, he was at best an average student. In 1854 he was ordained and made curate of Wheatley near Oxford where he was known as a remarkably effective pastor and counsellor. In 1862-3 he was appointed Principal of Cuddesdon, a theological college near Oxford. Under his pastorship the college became a worshipping community. King insisted that preaching could never be effective unless it was rooted in a life of prayer and of love for one's parishioners. In 1885, he was appointed Bishop of Lincoln. As a bishop-pastor, he was outstandingly effective. In 1888, a complaint by a churchwarden from Cleethorpes, was brought against King. He stood accused of tolerating ritualistic practices. Later, many of King's liturgical practices became commonplace, including making the sign of the cross during the absolution and blessing. King died in Lincoln as Matins sounded on 8 March 1910 and was interred in the cathedral's cloister.

Anglican Province of The Episcopal Church –
Communion Diocese of Maryland The Rt Revd Eugene Sutton and the Suffragan Bishop of Maryland, currently vacant, clergy and people.

Anglicanism was brought to the New World by explorers and colonists with the first celebration of the Holy Eucharist in Jamestown, Virginia, in 1607. There was no resident Bishop for nearly two hundred years, causing problems when many of the clergy sided with the Crown during the American Revolution. In 1784, the Scottish Episcopal Church consecrated the first American Bishop. The Church has 9 Provinces, 98 Dioceses, plus 20 overseas jurisdictions. Out of a population of 284 million, only 2 million are Episcopalians, in 7,095 parishes, with 15,310 clergy.

Brampton Pray for the first meeting of the 4 rural deans (Stewart Fyfe,
Deanery David Sargent, Nigel Beer and Richard Tulloch) with Lee Townend today. Pray for a meeting of the Team Council for Eden Gelt and Irthing Team.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Ecumenical Pilgrimage, Holy Land, 6th–16th March

Thursday 9 March

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Masasi - (Province of Tanzania) The Rt Revd James Almasi, clergy and people.
(For notes on Tanzania see 4 March).
- Brampton Deanery* For Isaac Lawrence leading the churches in Scotby and Cotehill. For all those in his churches who serve as lay readers, youth and children workers, church wardens, treasurers. For the churches to grow in numbers attending. For the churches to find new ways of engaging with people in the communities. For the Lent course led by Bishop Peter Ramsden. For Bible Beer & Chat (BBC) our new evangelistic event in the pub at Scotby.
- Our Bishops* Bishop James, Ecumenical Pilgrimage, Holy Land, 6th–16th March.
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Friday 10 March

Ember Day

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Maseno North - (Province of Kenya) The Rt Revd Simon Oketch, clergy and people.
(For notes on Kenya see 7 March).
- Brampton Deanery* Pray for the development of the youth work centred on Brampton with plans to use the URC hall in Brampton. Pray for Nightlight Seniors – our monthly Christian youth group in Brampton meeting tonight – for leaders and members. Pray for Edward Johnsen leading the churches in Hayton, Talkin, Cumwhitton, Castle Carrock, Cumrew and Farlam. Pray for the monthly service on Sunday 12 March when Sunday schools take place in parallel to lay-led services in Talkin and Hayton- that children and adults will understand the gospel and so come to faith.
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Saturday 11 March

Ember Day

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Masindi-Kitara - (Province of Uganda) The Rt Revd George Kasangaki, clergy and people.
The population of Uganda is almost 23 million, 89% of whom are Christians (RC 38%; Anglicans 34%). 12% are Muslims. The Anglican Province of Uganda has tripled in size in the past 10 years. There are now 29 Dioceses for 6,700,000 Anglicans, with 28 bishops, 13,800

congregations, 1,731 parishes, 2,630 priests and 13,000 Readers and catechists.

- Brampton Deanery* For Richard Tulloch leading the churches in Brampton, Irthington, Scaleby and Crosby. For Tim Edwards to have an effective ministry in the final months ahead as he comes towards the end of his curacy and prepares to move to a new job. For Richard Hicks as the retired clergyman serving Crosby. For the Children's group that meets at St Martin's each Sunday that the children will come to trust in Jesus as saviour and Lord and friend.
- Our Bishops* Bishop James, Ecumenical Pilgrimage, Holy Land, 6th–16th March

SUNDAY 12 March**Second Sunday of Lent**

- Anglican Communion* Province of Kenya –
Diocese of Maseno South The Rt Revd Francis Abiero and
Diocese of Maseno West The Rt Revd Joseph Wasonga, clergy and people.
(For notes on Kenya see 7 March)
- Brampton Deanery* For every person gathering in churches across the Deanery today – for minds and hearts to be open to God's Word as it is read and taught. For God's presence to be known in special ways as people take Holy Communion and pray and sing together. For humble hearts in all those who play the organ or other instruments to facilitate worship.
- God For All* For 'honeycomb' training events, that people will be inspired and equipped. Giving thanks for the opportunities for prayer spaces in local hospitals and pray for people engaged with God as a result.
- Our Bishops* Bishop James, Ecumenical Pilgrimage, Holy Land, 6th–16th March

Monday 13 March

- Anglican Communion* Province of the Episcopal Church -
Diocese of Massachusetts, The Rt Revd Alan McIntosh Gates
Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts, The Rt Revd Gayle Harris,
clergy and people.
(For notes on the Episcopal Church see 8 March)

Brampton Deanery For those taking assemblies at William Howard School in the different year groups to speak a clear and relevant 'thought for the day'. For Tim Edwards and Rachel Gleave (NISCU) and James Edghill who lead the Christian lunchtime club each week and for those attending to grow in confidence to invite friends to join them. For God to speak to children in the Primary schools at each and every assembly led by clergy or members of the churches in the Deanery. For God to guide in the planning of the Summer Holiday Club week in Brampton.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Ecumenical Pilgrimage, Holy Land, 6th–16th March

Tuesday 14 March

Anglican Communion Diocese of Masvingo - (Province of Central Africa) The Rt Revd Godfrey Tawonezwi, clergy and people.
(For notes on Central Africa see 2 March)

Brampton Deanery For Russell Tague who has been ill for some months. – for those who are seeking to lead services in the churches of Arthuret, Kirkandrews and Nicholforest in the absence of Russell. Pray for Sheila Goodliffe serving as Deanery Lay chairman and Richard Tulloch as Rural Dean.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Ecumenical Pilgrimage, Holy Land, 6th–16th March
Bishop Robert, CCL meeting, Church House Penrith.

Wednesday 15 March

Anglican Communion Diocese of Matabeleland - (Province of Central Africa) The Rt Revd Cleophas Lunga, clergy and people.
(For notes on Central Africa see 2 March).

Brampton Deanery Lent Lunches in Brampton. For the wives of all the clergy in the Deanery, thanking God for all they do to support their husbands in their ministry. For their growth spiritually and for protection from discouragement when ministry is slow or difficult in the parish. For the churches in the deanery as they prepare for an uncertain future due to retirement of a number of clergy.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Ecumenical Pilgrimage, Holy Land, 6th–16th March

Thursday 16 March

- Anglican Communion** Diocese of Matlosane (formerly Klerksdorp) - (Province of Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Stephen Diseko, clergy and people. *The Province is the oldest in Africa. British Anglicans met for worship in Cape Town after 1806, with the first Bishop appointed in 1847. The 23 dioceses of the Province extend beyond the Republic of South Africa and include the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (St Helena and Tristan da Cunha), Mozambique (Lebombo and Niassa), the Republic of Namibia, the Kingdom of Lesotho, the Kingdom of Swaziland and Angola. Total population 80,700,000. 28.5 million Christians. 3 million Anglicans with 28 Dioceses, 1,240 clergy, 994 parishes and 1,900 congregations.*
- Brampton Deanery** For Rod Allon Smith as he prepares for his final service on Easter Day at Lanercost. Pray for churches of Lanercost, Walton, Gilsland and Nether Denton. For all the lay readers in their teaching and pastoral care in these churches. For the head teachers of Lanercost, Gilsland and Lees Hill Primary schools. For the children in all three schools that they may be taught well about Christian faith and life.
- Our Bishops** Bishop James, Ecumenical Pilgrimage, Holy Land, 6th–16th March
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Friday 17 March

Patrick, bishop, missionary, patron of Ireland, c460

Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland but came from the west coast of Britain, perhaps the Severn estuary or the Dumbarton area at the western end of Hadrian's Wall. At the age of 16 he was captured by Irish raiders and became a slave in pagan Armagh. He must have come from a Christian family because he prayed desperately and records in his "Confessions" that "the Spirit seethed in me". After six years he escaped, determined to enter the priesthood. After some years he returned to Ireland, with a party of clergy, and went as a missionary bishop into areas where Christianity was unknown, baptizing and founding churches. He was a central figure in the development of a distinctively Celtic monastic system. Many writings are attributed to him but only two are generally regarded as authentic. The prayer (hymn) known as St Patrick's Breastplate, may be partly written by him, with later additions. The shamrock has become the symbol of 'the strong name of the Trinity'.

- Anglican Communion** Diocese of Meath & Kildare - (Province of Dublin, Ireland) The Rt Revd Patricia Louise Storey, clergy and people. *Tracing its origins to St. Patrick and his companions in the fifth century, the Irish Church has been marked by strong missionary efforts. In*

1537, the English king was declared head of the Church, but most Irish Christians maintained loyalty to Rome. The Irish Church Act of 1869 provided that the statutory union between the Churches of England and Ireland be dissolved and that the Church of Ireland should cease to be established by law. A General Synod of the Church, established in 1890 and consisting of Archbishops, Bishops, and representatives of the clergy and laity, has legislative and administrative power. The Church of Ireland covers the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. There are 12 Dioceses. Total population is 3.8 million of whom only 400,000 are Anglicans, with 450 parishes and 500 clergy

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For all the clergy in the deanery. For mutual encouragement and support to continue growing amongst the clergy of the Deanery.

Pray for Night Light Juniors, our monthly Christian Children's Group in Brampton, meeting Friday evening 17th March - for members and leaders.

Saturday 18 March

*Anglican
Communion*

Diocese of Mbaise - (Province of Nigeria) The Rt Revd Chamberlain Chinedu Ogunedo 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. It is the second largest province in the Anglican Communion, as measured by baptized membership, after the Church of England. Current membership over 25 million, out of a total Nigerian population of 104 million. Since 2002 the Church of Nigeria is organised in 10 ecclesiastical provinces. It has rapidly increased the number of its dioceses and bishops from 91 to 122. There are 3,680 Anglican congregations and 4,000 clergy. The administrative headquarters are in Abuja.

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For Diocesan Synod meeting today. For all those who serve as Lay ministers across the churches in the deanery in a variety of roles. For their faith in Jesus to grow as they serve others. For them to rely on the Lord Jesus to supply the strength and gifts they need. Pray for the Marriage Preparation day today at Weatherall and Holm Eden; please pray for all couples being married in our churches this year, that they would be faithful to their vows, grow in love for each other and for the Lord.

SUNDAY 19 March

Third Sunday of Lent

Joseph of Nazareth

Joseph is the carpenter husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Matthew's Gospel gives his genealogy in detail, fourteen generations from Abraham to David and fourteen from David to Joseph. He was present at the nativity and took Mary and Jesus to Egypt to escape Herod's persecuting. Later, they lived in Nazareth and went every year to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover there. Then Joseph disappears from the Gospel narratives and at the Crucifixion Mary was a widow. Some scholars speculate that Joseph was an older man at the time of Jesus' birth and also that Mary was his second wife. If so, the references to Jesus' "brothers and sisters" in Matthew 13.55 might be to stepbrothers and stepsisters. Joseph is often the patron of manual workers and the fathers of families.

Anglican Communion Diocese of Mbale - (Province of Uganda) The Rt Revd Patrick Gidudu, clergy and people.
(For notes on Uganda see 11 March).

Brampton Deanery As people gather in churches across the deanery today for God to give a hunger to know God in deeper ways and encounter him as present and real in fresh ways.

God for All Pray for the BigReach work, and Eleanor Ledesma - that through this new initiative people may respond who didn't think that God was relevant to them.
Give thanks for the Imagine events and pray that those who attended will take the ideas back to their churches

Stavanger Link Bishop Ivar Braut to be consecrated Bishop of Stavanger

Our Bishops Bishop Robert, Confirmation, St Mary's Crosthwaite.

Monday 20 March

Cuthbert, bishop, missionary, 687

Cuthbert was at Lindisfarne a generation after the Synod of Whitby. He probably came from the Lammermuir Hills on the Scottish border and was a monk at Melrose Abbey. He went on long missionary journeys. After twelve years he felt called to become a hermit on the remote island of Farne. After some years the Archbishop of Canterbury, Theodore of Tarsus, called Cuthbert back to Lindisfarne as Bishop. (He is said to have left his island retreat in tears). After only two years he developed a terminal illness and returned to Farne to die. His shrine is in Durham Cathedral, still a place of pilgrimage. Scots, Irish

and English Christians all claim him and are attracted by his holiness and wisdom.

Anglican Communion Diocese of Mbamili - (Province of Niger, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Henry Okeke, clergy and people.
(For notes on Nigeria see 18 March)

Brampton Deanery For Jan van den Berg as he leads the churches at Blackford and Rockcliffe. For the head teacher at Blackford as she encourages the children to grow in faith in Jesus. For the church family to grow in confidence in the power of the gospel to bring about change in communities

Our Bishops Bishop Robert, meeting Church House, Penrith.

Tuesday 21 March

Thomas Cranmer, archbishop, Reformation martyr, 1489-1556

Cranmer was a Cambridge scholar, recruited by Henry VIII, to help to find a way of annulling his marriage to Catherine of Aragon. Cranmer had married the daughter of a Lutheran theologian and was himself inclined towards Lutheranism. He became Archbishop in 1532 and was president of Convocation when it declared the royal marriage null and void. His main work was in reforming the English Church and supervising the preparation of The Great Bible and the first Book of Common Prayer in English. Many of our Collects are Cranmer's own work. When Mary Tudor succeeded to the throne, Cranmer refused to escape and was imprisoned in Oxford, stripped of his office, condemned as a heretic and put under pressure to recant. But two days after he finally gave in he was led out for execution but, instead of repeating his recantation he firmly stated his belief in the Reformation. He was burned at the stake, first thrusting the hand which had signed his recantation into the flames.

Anglican Communion Diocese of Mbeere - (Province of Kenya) The Rt Revd Moses Masamba Nthukah, clergy and people.
(For notes on Kenya see 7 March)

Brampton Deanery For clergy and lay leaders preparing for APCM's in the next few weeks. For clergy to be full of faith and hope as they give their reports and cast the vision for the future. For God to prompt people in our churches in the deanery to explore ways of serving in full-time or part-time in pastoral and teaching ministry.

Our Bishops Bishop Robert, Penrith Clergy mission community meeting, Church House, Penrith

Wednesday 22 March

Anglican Communion Diocese of Mbhashe - (Province of Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Elliot Williams, clergy and people.
(For notes on Southern Africa see 16 March)

Brampton Deanery For all treasurers of PCC's across the deanery to find joy in their practical service. For members of the churches to grasp that all giving is symbolic and reveals what they are committed to in their hearts. For giving to Christian work by members of our churches to be generous, cheerful and in proportion to their income

Our Bishops Bishop Robert, staff meetings, Church House, Penrith.

Thursday 23 March

Anglican Communion Diocese of Medak - (Province of South India) Vacant, clergy and people.

The Church was inaugurated in 1947 by the union of the South India United Church (itself a union of Congregational and Presbyterian/Reformed traditions), the southern Anglican diocese of the Church of India, Burma, Ceylon, and the Methodist Church in South India. It is one of the four United Churches in the Anglican Communion. There are 22 Dioceses

Brampton Deanery For Philip Greenhalgh as he grapples with issues to do with maintenance of their church buildings as they all need work to keep them in good order and costs are increasing. At Bewcastle, they are trying to find the best system for heating.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Meeting with Fr Robert Billing and Bishop Michael, Bishop's House; Maryport Lent Group, venue tbc.
Bishop Robert, 'The Filling Station' at The Gathering, Penrith

Friday 24 March

Walter Hilton c1340 - 1396

Walter Hilton, was a devotional writer and one of the greatest English mystics of the 14th century. He studied at the University of Cambridge before becoming a hermit and later joined the Augustinians at Thurgarton Priory, where he remained for the rest of his life. His major work was 'The Scale [or Ladder] of Perfection', written separately in two

books. The first teaches the means by which a soul may advance toward perfection by destroying the image of sin and forming the image of Christ through the practice of virtue. The second distinguishes between the active, ascetic life and the contemplative, mystical life and describes the early stages of mystical contemplation, apparently from Hilton's own experience. Because of its sober and methodical character, The Scale became and remained a popular devotional classic through the 15th and early 16th centuries and is regarded as the finest treatise on contemplation written in the late European Middle Ages.

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Province of Victoria, Australia – The Most Revd Dr Philip Leslie Freier, Archbishop of Melbourne & Primate of Australia Melbourne - Marningatha Episcopate - The Rt Revd Genieve Blackwell Melbourne - Jumbunna Episcopate The Rt Revd Paul White Melbourne - Oodthenong Episcopate - The Rt Revd Philip Huggins, clergy and people. <i>The Province of the Anglican Church of Australia. The Church came to Australia in 1788 with the First Fleet, which was made up primarily of convicts and military personnel. Free settlers soon followed. A General Synod held in 1872 formed the Australian Board of Missions; missionary work among the aborigines and the Torres Strait Islanders was key to the growth of the Church. The Anglican Church of Australia is part of the Christian Conference of Asia and of the Council of the Church of East Asia. Links with Churches of New Guinea, Melanesia and Polynesia are strong especially through the Australian Board of Mission. Population 18 million, Christians 12.5 million, Anglicans 4 million, Parishes 3,313, and clergy just over 2,000.</i>
<i>Brampton Deanery</i>	Pray for LLMs in Hayton and Castle Carrock, Sue Hughes and Sheila Goodliffe. For The Hub, a new community store in Hallbankgate; for The restoration work at Castle Carrock and Farlam Churches. For Church School at Hayton and Community Schools at Hallbankgate and Castle Carrock. For William Howard School, including the Thursday Christian lunchtime group and our assemblies.
<i>Our Bishops</i>	Bishop James and Bishop Robert, Bishop's Leadership Team, Bishop's House, Keswick

Saturday 25 March

The Annunciation

Anglican Communion Diocese of Meru - (Province of Kenya) The Rt Revd Charles Mwendwa, clergy and people.

(For notes on Kenya see 7 March)

Brampton Deanery Pray for the monthly meetings with Brampton area clergy, including ecumenical colleagues, to discuss Mission Community plans and plans towards a establishing a Christian youth centre in Brampton. Pray for Our retired clergy in the Eden, Gelt & Irthing team: Elizabeth Gough and Janice Murray, Richard Hicks and Steve Collis
Our churchwardens, treasurers and PCC secretaries.

SUNDAY 26 March

Mothering Sunday

Anglican Communion Diocese of Mexico - (Province of Mexico) The Rt Revd Carlos Touche-Porter, clergy and people.
The Mexican Episcopal Church symbolically began with Mexico's war for independence in 1810. Religious reform in 1857 secured freedom of religion, separating the Roman Catholic Church from government and politics. In 1860, the newly formed Church of Jesus contacted the Episcopal Church in the United States, seeking leadership, guidance, and support. In 1958, the fourth missionary Bishop of Mexico was the first of the Church's Bishops to be consecrated on Mexican soil. The Church became an autonomous Province of the Anglican Communion in 1995. The population is 99,400,000. There are only 5 Dioceses, 12 parishes and 121 congregations.

Brampton Deanery Pray for those attending Mothering Sunday services. Pray for a new monthly creche starting at Hayton Church, Sunday 26th march - for members and leaders. Also for Hayton -pray for A confirmation group meeting on Thursday evenings for members who attend Hayton Church.

God For All Pray that the enthusiasm generated by Moving Mountains will lead churches to actively engage in helping others to discover more about God.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Confirmation Service, Holy Trinity, Millom.
Bishop Robert, Preaching at United Service – HC, Dalston.

Monday 27 March

- Anglican Communion* Province of The Episcopal Church
Diocese of Milwaukee - The Rt Revd Steven Miller
Diocese of Minnesota - The Rt Revd Brian Prior, clergy and people.
(For notes on The Episcopal Church see 8 March)
- Brampton Deanery* Pray for the Lent reading group meeting every week, looking at The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen. May we come to know afresh the depths of God's love and grace for us. Pray for the parishes as they prepare to start a vacancy following David's appointment to a parish in the Blackburn diocese.
- Our Bishops* Bishop James, Hospital Volunteers Thanksgiving Service, Carlisle Cathedral; Parish Anniversary 150 Years, St John the Evangelist, Carlisle
Bishop Robert, staff meetings, Holmcroft.
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Tuesday 28 March

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Minna - (Province of Lokoja, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Daniel Abu Yisa, clergy and people.
(For notes on Nigeria see 18 March)
- Brampton Deanery* For all those clergy and lay readers taking funerals this month to be alert to the opportunities to speak God's word into the lives of those who are hurting and need his strength and presence.
- Our Bishops* Bishop James, Becoming Human Seminars, Durham, 28th – 29th March.
Bishop Robert, Development reviews with new archdeacons, Holmcroft, Kendal.
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Wednesday 29 March

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Mishamikoweesh - (Province of Rupert's Land, Canada) The Rt Revd Lydia Mamakwa, clergy and people.
The Anglican Witness in Canada started in the eighteenth century with the Church Missionary Society and the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. The Eucharist was first celebrated in Frobisher Bay in 1578; the first Church building was St. Paul's, Halifax,

in 1750. The Church includes a large number of the original inhabitants of Canadian Indians, Inuit, and Metis and has been a strong advocate of their rights. Canada's population is 31 million of which 22 million are Christians but only just over 2 million are Anglicans in 34 Dioceses with 2,836 congregations and 3,517 clergy.

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For the outreach to the community – the work at Greenholme and the bridge evangelism through folk music and story telling in their halls and pubs. For the pastoral work – home visits and hospital visits by Philip

For the monthly cottage meetings at which Christian from other denominations worship in a homes setting at Roadhead.

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Thursday 30 March

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Province of Brazil –

Diocese of Missionary District of Oeste-Brasil currently vacant
Diocese of Pelotas The Rt Revd Renato Da Cruz Raatz, clergy and people.

Expatriate Anglican chaplaincies were established in Brazil in 1810, with missionary work beginning in 1889, after the separation of Church and State. The Province, which is one of the few Portuguese speaking churches in the Communion, became autonomous in 1965. In 1990, Brazil's economic and social problems prompted the Partners in Mission Consultation to focus on three priorities: education, service, and expansion. Estandarte Cnstaio, the monthly Church journal based in Porto Alegre, has been published since 1893. The population of Brazil is almost 156 million of whom only 100,000 are baptised Anglicans. There are 7 Dioceses and 131 clergy.

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Pray for the growing number of lay people involved in ministry that they may know God's blessing in their lives as they serve.

Pray for the head teachers at Hayton, Castle Carrock and Hallbankgate Primary schools and ask God to give Edward favour with them as he takes assemblies week by week. Thank God for the open door for ministry in these schools.

Our Bishops Bishop Robert, Reach, Thornleigh, Grange over Sands 29th – 30th March.

Friday 31 March

John Donne 1573 - 1631

John Donne is considered the pre-eminent representative of the metaphysical poets. Donne's works are noted for their strong, sensual style and an important theme in his poetry is the idea of true religion, something that he spent much time considering and about which he often theorized. Despite his great education and poetic talents, Donne lived in poverty for several years, relying heavily on wealthy friends. In 1615, he became an Anglican priest, although he did not want to take Anglican orders. He did so because King James I persistently ordered it. In 1621, he was appointed the Dean of St Paul's Cathedral in London. He also served as a member of Parliament in 1601 and in 1614.

Anglican Province of The Episcopal Church –
Communion Diocese of Mississippi The Rt Revd Duncan Gray
Diocese of Coadjutor Bishop The Rt Revd Brian Seage, clergy and people.
(For notes on *The Episcopal Church* see 8 March).

Brampton Deanery Pray for all retired clergy and lay readers with permission to officiate in the churches in the deanery. For them to experience God's refreshing hand in their lives so that their ministry is fruitful and effective. For all small group leaders in our parishes to know the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. For confidence that God shows his power in our weakness.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Council Meeting, St John's College, Durham.

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God for All Prayer

God for all,
You reached out to the world
in your Son Jesus Christ.
Help us to reach out in faith and love
and witness to all.

God for all,
you send your Holy Spirit
to empower and gift your Church.

By your Spirit help us
grow in unity,
grow as followers of Jesus Christ,
and grow in your kingdom
in Cumbria and in this world
Amen



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