

Carlisle Diocese Prayer Diary

APRIL 2015



'Three churches journeying together'

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

This month we focus on the Brampton Deanery

*Bishop James is on sabbatical from 1st February until 30th April,
we ask God's blessing on this time.*

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Wednesday 1 April**Holy Wednesday**

Anglican Communion Diocese of Mumias (Province of Kenya), Bishop Beneah Salalah, 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 school assemblies at William Howard school led by local clergy, and those attending the 'Just Looking' lunchtime Christian group.

Thursday 2 April**Maundy Thursday**

Anglican Communion Diocese of Mundri (Province of Sudan), Bishop Bismark Monday Avokaya, 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.

Diocese Renewal of Ministry and Discipleship, Carlisle Cathedral, 10.30 am.

Brampton Deanery Holme Eden and Wetheral have completed their MAPs. For the churches as they seek to work towards implementing the various aims and objectives highlighted in these documents.

Friday 3 April**Good Friday**

Anglican Communion Diocese of Muyinga (Province of Burundi), Bishop Paisible Ndacayisaba, 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. Anglicans are in a minority 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.

Brampton Deanery For the two Sunday Schools at Hayton and Farlam.

Saturday 4 April**Easter Eve**

Anglican Communion Diocese of Mytikiyina (Province of Myanmar), vacant, 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, nine years after the declaration of Buddhism as the state religion and four years after all foreign missionaries were forced to leave. The church is not involved in social work as this field of action is totally 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.

Diocese Easter Vigil and Confirmation, Carlisle Cathedral, 7.30 pm.

Brampton Deanery Gilsland Church. For the seeds of faith to be nurtured in these younger village families, and to bear rich fruit in time.

SUNDAY 5 April**Easter Day**

Diocese Easter Eucharist, Carlisle Cathedral, 10.30 am.

Brampton Deanery The congregation at Holme Eden are now worshipping in their re-ordered and refurbished building. For outreach to the monthly breakfast gathering.

Monday 6 April**Easter Monday**

Anglican Communion Diocese of Nagpur (Province of North India), Bishop Paul Dupare, 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 The staff, children and governors of local schools - Rockcliffe, Head: David Hodgkiss. Blackford, Head: Linda Smith.

Tuesday 7 April**Easter Tuesday**

Anglican Communion Diocese of Nairobi (Province of Kenya), Bishop Joel Waweru Mwangi, clergy and people .
(For notes on Kenya see 1 April)

Brampton Deanery The Greenholme House of Prayer in Bewcastle Parish continued developments and outreach to the wider community.

Wednesday 8 April Easter Wednesday

Anglican Communion Diocese of Nakuru (Province of Kenya), Bishop Joseph Muchai, clergy and people.
(For notes on Kenya see 1 April)

Brampton Deanery For all our schools preparing for the summer term.

Thursday 9 April Easter Thursday

Anglican Communion Diocese of Nambale (Province of Kenya), Bishop Josiah Were, clergy and people.
(For notes on Kenya see 1 April)

Brampton Deanery Walton Church – for links with the church to deepen across this village community.

Friday 10 April Easter Friday

Anglican Communion Diocese of Namibia (Province of Southern Africa), Bishop Nathaniel Nakwatumbah, and the Suffragan, Bishop Petrus Hilukiluah, 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 Stapleton Church runs a monthly ceilidh to build bridges between church members and those who don't attend.

Saturday 11 April**Easter Saturday**

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Namirembe (Province of Uganda), Bishop Wilberforce Kityo Luwalira, 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* Farlam Parish and its work through Café Church.
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SUNDAY 12 April**Second Sunday of Easter**

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Nandyal (Province of South India), Bishop Eggoni Pushpalalitha, 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* The Staff Team for Holme Eden & Wetheral, and for them in all their ministrations across the benefice: Rector: David Craven; Readers: Connie Eddy, Nigel Holmes and Allison Lee; Children and Families Worker: James Edgell.
- Our Bishops* Bishop Robert, final service before closure of St Matthew's Church, Barrow, 10.00 am, and presiding at the Cursillo Clausura Service, United Reformed Church Windermere Centre, 3.00 pm.

Monday 13 April

Anglican Communion Diocese of Nasik (Province of North India), Bishop Pradip Kamble, clergy and people.
(For notes on North India see 5 April)

Brampton Deanery For all in leadership at Rockcliffe and Blackford. Priest-in-Charge: Jan van den Berg; Reader: Joy Budden; Churchwardens and PCC.

Tuesday 14 April

Anglican Communion Bishop of Nassau and The Bahamas (Province of West Indies), Bishop Laish Boyd, clergy and people .
The West Indies became a self-governing Province of the worldwide Anglican Communion in 1883 because of the Church of England missions in territories that became British colonies. It is made up of two mainland dioceses and six island dioceses, including Barbados, Belize, Guyana, Jamaica, Nassau and the Bahamas, Tobago, Trinidad, and the Windward Islands. Great emphasis is being placed on training personnel for an indigenous ministry. The island locations and scattered settlements make pastoral care difficult and costly.

Diocese Meeting of the Bishop's Leadership Team at Holm Croft, Kendal, 9.30 am.

Brampton Deanery Lanercost Cricket Club : for Philip Greenhalgh and Rob Brown who play music and meet locals in a non-church environments.

Wednesday 15 April

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Natal (Province of Southern Africa), Bishop Rubin Phillip and two Suffragans, Bishop Tsietse Edward Seleokane (North West Episcopal Area), and Bishop Hummingfield Ndwandwe (South Episcopal Area), clergy and people.
(For notes on Southern Africa see 10 April)
- Diocese* Meeting of the Steering Committee at Church House, Carlisle, 12 noon.
- Brampton Deanery* Hethersgill - links with our Young Farmers.
- Our Bishops* Bishop Robert, Interviews for the post of Priest-in-Charge at Eskdale, Irton, Muncaster and Waberthwaite, 1.00 pm.
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Thursday 16 April

- Anglican Communion* National Indigenous Bishop (Province of Ontario, Canada), Bishop Mark Lawrence MacDonald, 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.
- Brampton Deanery* Bewcastle - for the many pilgrims to this ancient holy site.
- Our Bishops* Bishop Robert, Confirmation for the Beacon Team, 7.00 pm.

Friday 17 April

Anglican Communion Navajoland Area Mission (VIII, The Episcopal Church), Bishop David Bailey, 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 Deanery For the Healing Ministry in many of our churches.

Saturday 18 April

Anglican Communion Diocese of Ndokwa (Province of Bendel, Nigeria), Bishop David Obiosa, 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.

Brampton Deanery For Holme Eden and those who come for children's clubs.

SUNDAY 19 April

Third Sunday of Easter

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Nebbi (Province of Uganda), Bishop Alphonse Watho-kudi, clergy and people.
(For notes on Uganda see 11 April)
- Brampton Deanery* For the community and church in Stapleton Parish – especially Mrs L Batey, the Headmistress of Shankhill CE Primary School, and links with parents & children.
- Our Bishops* Bishop Robert, Confirmation at Aspatria, 10.00 am.
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Monday 20 April

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Nebraska (VI, The Episcopal Church, Bishop Scott Barker, clergy and people.
(For notes on the Episcopal Church see 17 April)
- Brampton Deanery* For all those preparing for marriage in our churches.
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Tuesday 21 April

Anselm, abbot, archbishop, teacher of the faith, 1033-1109

St Anselm born at Aosta in N Italy. Spent some years visiting monasteries and other centres of learning in France, especially Bec in Normandy. International reputation as a scholar. On Archbishop Lanfranc's death in 1088 William Rufus reluctantly appointed him but he and the King clashed, Anselm supporting Pope Urban II whereas William Rufus supported an anti-pope. Anselm went to Rome in 1097 and was treated with great honour but was unable to return to England until the death of William Rufus in 1099. Henry I demanded homage, Anselm refused and again went into exile. He returned to England but died 2 years later. Of his 19 years in office as Archbishop 17 were spent in conflict with the Crown and 7 were spent in exile. His reputation owes more to his scholarship than to his politics.

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Nelson (Province of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia), Bishop Victor Richard Ellena, 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 clergy ministering to bereaved families.

Wednesday 22 April

Anglican Communion Diocese of Nevada (VIII, The Episcopal Church), Bishop Dan Edwards, clergy and people.
(For notes on the Episcopal Church see 17 April)

Brampton Deanery The Head, Staff and Governors of William Howard School.

Thursday 23 April

George, martyr, patron of England, d.303

Probably martyred at Lydda (now Lod) in Israel, during the persecutions of Diocletian. A renewed devotion to St George can be attributed to the Crusaders. He became the patron of soldiers, Richard I placed his army under St George's special protection. Whether Henry V cried "God for England, Harry and St George!" as in Shakespeare's play is not certain but it is a fact that after Agincourt, the commemoration was raised to the status of a major feast. Edward III made George patron of the Order of the Garter and St George's Chapel, Windsor, is dedicated in his name. Though he probably did not slay a dragon or rescue a maiden (as in many legends) he is also a patron of Russia, Venice, Genoa, Portugal, Aragon and Lithuania and is even mentioned in Islamic tradition.

Anglican Communion Diocese of New Busa (Province of New Busa, Nigeria), Bishop Israel Amoo, clergy and people.
(For notes on Nigeria see 18 April)

Diocese The Beautiful Burial Ground Conference at Rydal Hall.

Brampton Deanery For our farming and forestry industries and the Church's ministry to those working in these places.

Friday 24 April

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	The New Guinea Islands (Province of Papua New Guinea), Bishop Allan Migi, clergy and people. <i>The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. Province founded 1977. Population 4 million. Christians 3,800,000. Anglicans 140,000 in five Dioceses. 126 parishes and 127 clergy.</i>
<i>Diocese</i>	LCTP Residential Weekend for Readers at Rydal Hall, 24 th to 26 th .
<i>Brampton Deanery</i>	For the parish of Kirkclinton with Hethersgill, especially church links with the newly developed Kirkclinton Hall, the farming community and the building up of friendships with those who come for Baptism or Marriage.

Saturday 25 April

Mark the Evangelist

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Diocese of New Hampshire (I, The Episcopal Church), Bishop Robert Hirschfeld, clergy and people. <i>(For notes on the Episcopal Church see 17 April)</i>
<i>Diocese</i>	LCTP Residential Weekend for Readers at Rydal Hall, 24 th to 26 th .
<i>Brampton Deanery</i>	For developments towards a 'Borderlands Minster' in the north of the Deanery, particularly across the Benefices or Lanercost with Walton, Gilsland and Nether Denton, and Bewcastle and Stapleton and Kirkclinton with Hethersgill.
<i>Our Bishops</i>	Bishop Robert, Share Your Story, The Bridge Centre, Workington, 9.00 am.

SUNDAY 26 April**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Diocese of New Jersey (II, The Episcopal Church), Bishop William Stokes, clergy and people. <i>(For notes on the Episcopal Church see 17 April)</i>
<i>Diocese</i>	LCTP Residential Weekend for Readers at Rydal Hall, 24 th to 26 th .
<i>Brampton Deanery</i>	For Russell Tague and all in the parishes of Arthuret, Kirkandrews & Nicholforest.
<i>Our Bishops</i>	Bishop Robert, Confirmation at Lamplugh, 11.00 am.

Monday 27 April*Christina Rossetti, poet, 1830-1894*

Christina's father was a Dante scholar and her brother Dante Gabriel Rossetti, the pre-Raphaelite artist. Christina lived the quiet life of a Victorian spinster in London, immersed in family responsibilities and domestic chores, with a strong sense of duty. She lived under considerable emotional strain but her faith held together the contradictory elements in her life and helped her to find expression in writing poetry. Some of her poems, such as "Does the road wind uphill all the way?" and "In the bleak midwinter" are well known. She had at least one unhappy love affair expressed in "I took my heart in my hand, O my love" and, possibly, in "Remember me".

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Diocese of New Westminster (Province of British Columbia & The Yukon, Canada), Bishop Melissa Skelton, clergy and people. <i>(For notes on Canada see 16 April)</i>
<i>Brampton Deanery</i>	For all Christian musicians, artists and craftsmen working in the deanery.

Tuesday 28 April

Anglican Communion Diocese of New York (II, The Episcopal Church), Bishop Andrew Dietsche, and the Suffragan, Bishop Allen Shin, clergy and people.

(For notes on the Episcopal Church see 17 April)

Brampton Deanery After the AGMs of recent weeks, that newly appointed Wardens will settle smoothly into their new tasks and responsibilities, and that all the churches will look to the coming year with faith and confidence in the good news to be proclaimed in word, lifestyles and practical service.

Our Bishops Bishop Robert, Safeguarding Panel Meeting

Wednesday 29 April *Catherine of Siena, teacher of the faith, 1347-1380*
The twenty third child of a dyer. One of twins, though her twin died. She was much attracted to the Dominicans and tried to emulate them in asceticism. She may have been anorexic. After a "Spiritual Espousal" on Shrove Tuesday 1367 she turned her energies outwards, serving the poor, visiting prisoners and nursing lepers and plague victims. Taught herself to read and became a wise woman to whom many turned for counsel. She also wrote many letters to people in authority including Pope Gregory XI, telling him that he should return to Rome from exile in Avignon. After a long illness she died aged 33. Her "Dialogue" is a spiritual classic.

Anglican Communion Diocese of Newala (Province of Tanzania), Bishop Oscar Mnung'a, 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 of which 45% are Christians and 35% Muslims. Only about 2 million are Anglicans.

Brampton Deanery For the retired clergy in the area, who still offer much encouragement through their ongoing support, prayer and active ministries as opportunity allows: John Beasley, Richard Hicks, Susan Holmes, Geoff Smith, John Smith, Peter Tiplady, Bishop John Richardson.

Thursday 30 April

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Newark (II, The Episcopal Church), Bishop Mark Beckwith, clergy and people.
(For notes on the Episcopal Church see 17 April)
- Diocese* Meeting of the Cathedral Chapter in the Prior's Room, Carlisle Cathedral, 10.30 am.
- Brampton Deanery* Plans and preparations for a Deanery Confirmation service will be being made around now. For contacts, possible candidates, and the choice of various preparation courses, that this will be a year of great blessing and encouragement in faith for those involved.

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