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The **Methodist** Church 



'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

'Thy Kingdom Come'



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Tuesday 1 May

St Philip and St James, Apostles

Philip is mentioned in all the Synoptic Gospels among the other apostles but only John mentions him as an individual (see John 12.20.22). Philip was probably a Greek and tradition notes that he preached in Phrygia and died and was buried at Hierapolis. Matthew lists James (son of Alphaeus) and James (son of Zebedee) separately as members of the Twelve. James, Son of Zebedee, is known as 'James the Great', but the other James, the younger or 'James the Less' is probably the brother of the Lord and the great supporter of the Church in Jerusalem and, maybe, the author of the Epistle of James.

Anglican Communion Diocese of Chandigarh, the Province of North India, The Rt Revd Younas Massey, 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 total population is around 500 million with 27 Diocese.

Thy Kingdom Come Pray for Archbishops Justin and Sentamu, for their call to prayer during the season of Ascension.

Wednesday 2 May

St Athanasius of Alexandria

St Athanasius the Apostolic, was the twentieth bishop of Alexandria. His episcopate lasted 45 years of which over 17 were spent in five exiles. In 325, at the age of 27, Athanasius began his leading role against the Arians as a deacon and assistant to Bishop Alexander of Alexandria during the First Council of Nicaea. Athanasius succeeded his mentor as Archbishop of Alexandria. Within a few years after his death, Gregory of Nazianzus called him the "Pillar of the Church". His writings were well regarded by Church fathers who followed, in both the West and the East.

Anglican Communion Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, the Episcopal Church, The Rt Revd Audrey Scanlan, 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, with 98 Dioceses and 20 overseas jurisdictions.

Thy Kingdom Come Pray for Churches Together in England, for all the member churches taking part in 'Thy Kingdom Come'.

Thursday 3 May

Anglican Communion Diocese of Chelmsford, The Rt Revd Stephen Geoffrey Cottrell. The Rt Revd Peter Hill, Chelmsford, Barking. The Ven John Perumbalath, Chelmsford, Bradwell. The Rt Revd Roger Anthony Brett Morris, Chelmsford, Colchester. All in the Province of Canterbury.

The Church of England covers all of England, including the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands, the Church is the ancient national Church of the land. The Church of England includes two Provinces; Canterbury and York. The Diocese of Chelmsford was founded in 1914, most of the parishes are in Essex and there are about 600 churches and 500 parishes.

Thy Kingdom Come Pray for Bishop James, for the leadership of the diocese, for the vision of growing disciples in Cumbria.

Friday 4 May

English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation

Anglican Communion

Diocese of Chester, The Rt Revd Peter Robert Forster. The Rt Revd Keith Sinclair, Chester Birkenhead and Rt Revd Libby Lane, Chester Stockport, clergy and people. All in the province of York.

The Diocese is part of the Province of York, one of two in England, covering the northern half of England. It was Founded in 1541 and has around 375 churches with 278 parishes.

Thy Kingdom Come

Pray for our partner denominations in 'God for All', for their leaders Drew McCombe, Richard Teal, Sarah Moore.

Saturday 5 May

Anglican Communion

Diocese of Chhattisgarh, the Province of North India, The Rt Revd Purna Sagar Nag, 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. There are 27 Dioceses.

Thy Kingdom Come

Pray for our companion churches in Cumbria, for our common witness, especially for Bishop Paul and the members of the Roman Catholic churches.

SUNDAY 6 MAY

Easter 6

Anglican Communion Pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya, The Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit, Primate and Archbishop of All Kenya, 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. It has a total population of around 30 million with 29 Anglican diocese.

Thy Kingdom Come Pray for our own congregation that our prayer life may deepen and that we might root our lives in a prayerful relationship with God.

Vocations: We pray for those encouraging young people to discern God's calling. We pray for Network Youth Church and for vocations they are encouraging. We pray Canon Peter Clements as DDO, and for the Vocation Teams he leads.

God for All: Pray for Longtown Community Centre Messy Church

Monday 7 May

Rogation Day

Anglican Communion Diocese of Chicago, The Episcopal Church, Rt Revd Jeffrey Lee, clergy and people.

(For notes on the Episcopal Church, see 2 May.)

Thy Kingdom Come Pray for our link diocese of Stavanger, giving thanks for our partnership with the Norwegian Mission Society and for our Mission Links.

Tuesday 8 May**Rogation Day *Julian of Norwich***

Julian of Norwich was an English anchoress and an important Christian mystic and theologian. Her Revelations of Divine Love, written around 1395, is the first book in the English language known to have been written by a woman. Julian was also known as a spiritual authority within her community, where she also served as a counsellor and advisor.^[1] She is venerated in the Anglican and Lutheran churches. The Roman Catholic Church has not declared her to be a saint or given her the title Blessed. Accordingly, she does not appear in the Roman Martyrology, nor is she included in the calendar of the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

Anglican Communion Diocese of Chichester, Canterbury England, The Rt Revd Martin Warner,
The Rt Revd Mark Sowerby, Chichester, Horsham and The Rt Revd Richard Charles Jackson, Chichester, Lewes, clergy and people.

The Chichester Diocese was founded 1070 (formerly called Selsey). It is part of the Province of Canterbury, one of two in England, covering the southern half of England.

Thy Kingdom Come Pray for our link diocese of Zululand, giving thanks for our partnership with Christian Aid.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Bishops Council Rydal Hall.

Wednesday 9 May**Rogation Day**

Anglican Communion Diocese of Chile, South America, The Rt Revd Hector Zavala Munoz. The Suffragan Bishop of Chile, The Rt Revd Abelino Manuel Apeleo, clergy and people.

British immigrants brought Anglicanism to South America during the nineteenth century. In 1974, the Archbishop of Canterbury gave over his metropolitanical authority for the dioceses of the

Southern Cone and, in 1981, the new Province was formed. It includes Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay.

Thy Kingdom Come Pray for our link diocese of North Argentina, for Bishop Nick and the mission to the poorest communities.

Our Bishops Bishop James, meetings, Rydal Hall.

Thursday 10 May

Ascension Day

'Thy Kingdom Come' first day of prayer

Anglican Communion *A hymn of glory let us sing,
New songs throughout the world shall ring,
Christ, by a road before untrod,
Ascend to the throne of God,
Alleluia.*

Thy Kingdom Come Giving thanks for the message of the Ascension, may we celebrate all that is good in humanity which is carried to God in the life of Jesus, help to have the eyes to recognise goodness within our lives.

Our Bishops Bishop James, meetings Rydal Hall.

Friday 11 May

Anglican Communion The Diocese of Chotanagpur, Province of North India, The Rt Revd B Baskey.

(For notes on the Province of North India, see 5 May)

Thy Kingdom Come Praise God for His creation, help us to share our wonder in God's creation and to praise Him.

Our Bishops Bishop James, meetings Rydal Hall.

Saturday 12 May

Gregory Dix, priest and monk

Born in Woolwich, the son of a schoolmaster and became a priest and served as the first Principal of the College of St Mark and St John, Chelsea. From 1924 to 1926 he was appointed lecturer in modern history at Keble College, Oxford, while studying at Wells Theological College. He was ordained priest in 1925. He entered Nashdom the following year and was sent to the Gold Coast as a novice until his health broke down in 1929. Returning to Nashdom he became an intern oblate and took his final vows only in 1940. During the Second World War he lived for a while in Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, and looked after the Anglo-Catholic daughter church of St Michael whilst his brother Ronald, who was the priest there, served as a military chaplain. On his return to Nashdom he was succeeded in Beaconsfield by Dom Augustine Morris, who was to become Abbot of Nashdom in 1948. Dix was elected to the Southern Convocation in 1945 and prior of his abbey in 1948.

Anglican Communion Diocese of Christ the King, the province of South Africa, The Rt Revd William Mostert, 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. There are three million Anglicans with 28 Dioceses.

Thy Kingdom Come We give thanks to God for the blessings of our life, help us to be thankful for all we have been given.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Cathedral Council.

SUNDAY 13 MAY

Sunday after Ascension

- Anglican Communion* Pray for the work of the Anglican Centre in Rome. Christchurch, Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia, The Rt Revd Victoria Matthews, clergy and people.
The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia was formerly known as the Church of the Province of New Zealand. The Church includes the countries of New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga, Samoa and the Cook Islands. It was established as an autonomous Church in 1857.
- Thy Kingdom Come* Pray for our local prayers of 'Thy Kingdom Come', help us to be missionaries, to hear God's word into our lives and to be guided in His ways.
- Our Bishops* Bishop James, Services at St Peter's Kells and St Mary's Harrington.

God for All: Pray for East of Eden Mission Community Messy Church.

Monday 14 May

St Matthias the Apostle

After the death of Judas, the disciples elected another to make up The Twelve and, after prayer and drawing lots, Matthias was elected (Acts 1.21-26). There are traditions that he preached in Judaea, and led a mission to Cappadocia or Ethiopia, or both. He is said to have been martyred and is sometimes portrayed in art with an axe or halberd, suggesting that he was beheaded.

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Chubu, in Japan, The Rt Revd Peter Ichiro Shibusawa, clergy and people.

In 1859, the American Episcopal Church sent two missionaries to Japan, followed some years later by representatives of the Church of England and the Church of Canada. The first Anglican Synod

occurred in 1887. The first Japanese Bishops were consecrated in 1923. The Church remained underground during World War II and assumed all Church leadership after the war. There are 11 Dioceses with around 318 parishes.

Thy Kingdom Come We offer ourselves in prayer, all that we have and all that we are in the service of God's Kingdom.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Cumbria Church Leaders.

Tuesday 15 May

Anglican Communion Diocese of Clogher, Amagh, Church of Ireland, The Rt Revd John McDowell, 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 Church of Ireland covers the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. There are 12 Dioceses including the Diocese of Clogher, Amagh which has two diocesan cathedrals.

Thy Kingdom Come We ask in prayer for all that we need to be doing God's work and for all those in need in our community.

Our Bishops Bishop James, meetings, London.

Wednesday 16 May

Anglican Communion Diocese of Cochin, Province of South India, The Rt Revd Baker Ninan Fenn, clergy and people.

Diocese of Coimbatore, Province of South India The Rt Revd Timothy Ravinder, 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.

Thy Kingdom Come We pray for those in need of help, that they might see God's Kingdom in the love and care, that others might know our faith through the love that we show.

Our Bishops Bishop James, meetings Church House.

Thursday 17 May

Anglican Communion Diocese of Columbia, the Episcopal Church, The Rt Revd Francisco Duque, clergy and people.

(For notes on the Episcopal Church, see 2 May)

Thy Kingdom Come We bring our adoration for Jesus born into our world, giving thanks that we are His disciples and that we might ascend with Him to be with our Father.

Our Bishops Bishop James, North West Bishops Meeting.

Friday 18 May

Anglican Communion Diocese of Connor, Armagh Church of Ireland. The Revd Alan Francis Abernethy, clergy and people.

(For notes of the Church of Ireland, see 15 May 2018.)

Thy Kingdom Come We celebrate the mission of all Christians to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed, that we might recognise everything that 'we are', reflects the truth of the Spirit.

Our Bishops Bishop James, The Royal British Legion.

Saturday 19 May

St Dunstan

Dunstan was related to the royal family by marriage. When Edmund became King in 939 Dunstan was appointed Abbot of Glastonbury and spent 15 years organising his first monastic community for men. But in 955 Dunstan offended the new King, Edwy, who exiled him to the continent. The next King, Edgar, brought Dunstan back, appointed him Bishop of Worcester, then Bishop of London and in 960 Archbishop of Canterbury. Dunstan devised the ceremony for Edgar's coronation at Bath Abbey in 973, when he was crowned and recognised as Overlord by the other rulers in Britain. (The liturgical framework has remained much the same ever since).

Anglican Communion Diocese of Cork, Cloyne & Ross, The Church of Ireland, The Rt Revd William Paul Colton, clergy and people.

(For Notes on the Church of Ireland see 15 May)

Thy Kingdom Come We pray in silence recognising that 'silence is the language of the Spirit', may we know the importance of silence in prayer to enter into God's presence.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Royal British Legion.

SUNDAY 20 MAY

Pentecost

Final prayer day of 'Thy Kingdom Come'

Anglican Communion Diocese of Colorado, The Episcopal Church, The Rt Revd Robert O'Neill, clergy and people.

(For notes on the Episcopal Church see 2 May.)

Thy Kingdom Come Pray for our church that we might be filled by the gifts of the Spirit and that we might be Spirit-filled in living the good news of Jesus.

Our Bishops Bishop James Royal British Legion.

God for All: Pray for Woodbank Community Messy Church

Monday 21 May

St Helena

Helena is considered by the Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, Eastern and Latin Catholic churches, as well as by the Anglican Communion and Lutheran Churches, as a saint, famed for her piety. She is sometimes known as Helen of Constantinople. Several relics purportedly discovered by Saint Helena are now held in Cyprus, and among them are items believed to be part of Christ's tunic, pieces of the holy cross, and pieces of the rope with which Jesus was tied on the Cross. The rope has been held at the Stavrovouni Monestry which was founded by Saint Helena. Helena left Jerusalem and the eastern provinces in 327 to return to Rome, bringing with her large parts of the True Cross and other relics. Her palace was later converted into the basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem.

Anglican Communion Diocese of Cosa Rica, Central America, the clergy and people.

The Diocese is part of the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America is one of the newest in the Anglican Communion and is made up of the dioceses of Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama.

Thy Kingdom Come We giving thanks for ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ days of prayer for the mission of the gospel, may we continue to pray for our neighbours and those who are coming to faith.

Our Bishops Bishop James, House of Bishops.

Tuesday 22 May

Anglican Communion Diocese of Coventry, Province of Canterbury, England, The Rt Revd Christopher Cocksworth and The Rt Revd John Stroyan, clergy and people.

The Diocese of Coventry was re-founded in 1918 and comprises mainly Warwickshire and is part of the Province of Canterbury. For notes of the Church of England and Province of Canterbury see 3 May.

Thy Kingdom Come We pray for our children and schools, may they know the good news of Jesus.

Our Bishops Bishop James, House of Bishops.

Wednesday 23 May

Anglican Communion Diocese of Connecticut, The Episcopal Church, The Rt Revd Ian Douglas, The Suffragan Bishop of Connecticut, The Rt Revd Laura Aherns. And, for the Suffragan Bishop Elect of Connecticut (vacant), clergy and people.

(For notes on the Episcopal Church, see 2 May)

Thy Kingdom Come We pray for our Network Youth Churches, for those who lead them and for our young people growing in the faith.

Thursday 24 May

John and Charles Wesley

The brothers (1703-1791 and 1707-1788) were at Oxford and both were Ordained into the Anglican Church and were evangelists, hymn writers. Much influenced by the Moravians (German Lutherans) and John had an overwhelming conversion experience on 24 May 1738. The foundation of Methodism is usually dated from that day. His preaching tours took him from Cornwall to the Scottish borders especially where the enclosure movement had brought much social distress and into the squalor of crowded and disease ridden towns. He is said to have travelled 26,000 miles (mostly on horseback) and to have preached 40,000 sermons. Both brothers were in Anglican Orders, but many churches closed their doors against them and accused them of rabble raising. It was not until John Wesley ordained missionaries for the USA and Scotland (against the wishes of Charles) that separation became inevitable.

Anglican Communion Diocese of Cueibet, Bahr El Ghazal, South Sudan, The Rt Revd Elijah Matueny Awet, clergy and people.

In the Episcopal Church of The Sudan, the Anglican Church has grown considerably. In November 2013, The Episcopal Church decided to rename itself as Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and to divide the Episcopal Church of South Sudan into eight internal provinces In the Episcopal Church of The South Sudan.

Thy Kingdom Come We pray for the members of the REACH team in enabling many to have the opportunity to hear the good news of Jesus.

Friday 25 May

The Venerable Bede

Bede, also known as Saint Bede, Venerable Bede, and Bede the Venerable, was an English monk at the monastery of St. Peter and its companion monastery of St. Paul in the Kingdom of Northumbria of the Angles. At the age 7, Bede was given to the monks of Wearmouth Abby as an oblate and remained there. Bede completed some 40 works in his busy life, none more important than History of the English Church and Its People. Bede ranks as the first English historian.

Anglican Cuernavaca, province of Mexico, The Rt Revd Enrique
Communion Trevino Cruz, 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. There are 5 Dioceses.

Thy Kingdom We pray for the members of CCL for the nurturing of
Come vocations and those in training for servant leadership.

Saturday 26 May

St Augustine of Canterbury

Augustine was Prior of the Monastery of St Andrew in Rome when the Pope sent him on a mission to evangelise the Anglo-Saxons. After a dramatic meeting on the Isle of Thanet, King Ethelbert of Kent gave the monks an old Roman church in Canterbury. Augustine's mission never proceeded far out of Kent partly because Pope Gregory's maps, from which he planned the conversion of England, dated from the Roman occupation of Britain, which had ended two centuries earlier.

Anglican Communion Curitiba, in the Province of Brazil, The Rt Revd Naudal Alves Gomes, 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. The Province has 7 Dioceses.

Thy Kingdom Come We pray for all those who work in Diocesan Church House, in the Bishops's and Archdeacon's offices to support 'God for All'.

SUNDAY 27 MAY Trinity Sunday

Anglican Communion Pray for the Anglican Church of Korea and The Most Revd Onesimus Dongsin Park, Primate of the Anglican Church of Korea & Bishop of Busan, clergy and people.

The Province of the Anglican Church of Korea was founded in 1992. There are three dioceses with around 100 parishes.

Thy Kingdom Come Pray for the wideness of God's love for all people, for all those who have yet to hear of Jesus and for all those yet to be reached by 'God for All'

God for All *Seascale Messy Church.*

Monday 28 May

Anglican Communion Diocese of Cuttack, in the Province of North India, The Rt Revd Surendra Kumar Nanda, clergy and people.

(For notes on the Province of North India, see 11 May.)

Thy Kingdom Come We pray for the Archdeacons in their roles in working with new Mission Communities and encouraging local mission.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Solway Mission Community.

Tuesday 29 May

Anglican Communion The Diocese of Cyangugu, Rwanda, The Rt nathan Amooti Rusengo, clergy and people.
The Diocese of Kigali, Ruanda, The Rt Revd Louis Muvunyi, clergy and people.

The Province of the Episcopal Church of Rwanda came into being in 1992. It had previously been a part of the enormous Province of Zaire, Rwanda and Burundi. It has 9 dioceses for a population of 7 million of whom 5.6 million are Christians and just over 1 million Anglicans. There are 197 parishes.

Thy Kingdom Come We pray for local prayer groups, may we know the importance of the life of prayer.

Wednesday 30 May

Anglican Communion Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem & the Middle East , The Rt Revd Michael Owen Lewis.

The Church covers the four dioceses of Jerusalem, Iran, Egypt, Cyprus and the Gulf. The Jerusalem bishopric was founded in 1841 and became an archbishopric in 1957. Reorganization in January 1976 ended the archbishopric and combined the Diocese of Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria with the Jerusalem bishopric after a nineteen-year separation. Around the same time, the new Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf was formed and the Diocese of Egypt was revived.

Thy Kingdom Come We pray for all those who are exploring their vocation to be a Spiritual Director, for all who are being accompanied in their growth in faith, for the gift of discernment.

Thursday 31 May

The Visitation, Corpus Christi

Anglican Communion Diocese of Daejeon, The Anglican Church of Korea, The Revd Moses Nak Jun Yoo, clergy and people.

(For notes on the Anglican Church of Korea, see 27 March).

Thy Kingdom Come We pray for the Cumbria Ecumenical Spirituality Group, for all those exploring their spirituality and for the growth of the prayer network.

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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