

Carlisle Diocese Prayer Diary

MAY 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 Solway Deanery



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Monday 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. There is a tradition 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.

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Diocese of Nasik - (Province of North India) The Rt Revd Pradip Kamble, clergy and people. <i>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.</i>
<i>Solway Deanery</i>	Rural Dean: Tim Herbert; Lay Chair: Peter Wardle; Secretary: Valarie Hallard; Treasurer: Willie Smith; Deanery Network Youth Church officer: Yvette Ladds.

Tuesday 2 May Saint Athanasius of Alexandria, Apostle

Athanasius the Apostolic, was the twentieth bishop of Alexandria . His episcopate lasted 45 years of which over 17 were spent in five exiles ordered by four different Roman emperors. 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. Roman emperor Constantine the Great had convened the council in May–August 325 to address the Arian position that the Son of God, Jesus of Nazareth, is of a distinct substance from the Father. Three years after that council, 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 all Church fathers who followed, in both the West and the East, who noted their rich devotion to the Word-become-man, great pastoral concern, and profound interest in monasticism.

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Province of Southern Africa - Diocese of Natal, The Rt Revd Dino Gabriel; Diocese of Natal, North West Episcopal Area, The Rt Revd Tsietsse Edward Seleokane; Diocese of Natal, South Episcopal Area, The Rt Revd Hummingfield Ndwandwe, clergy and people. <i>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.</i>
<i>Solway Deanery Vocations</i>	The work of the Solway Deanery Synod. For those who speak and lead at synods, for all Standing Committee's and all their officers. Most of all the fellowship, caring and sharing at Synod.
<i>God For All</i>	From 3-6 May there will be a Prayer Space in Trinity School Carlisle – pray for the impact that it can have. Give thanks for the continued growth of Mountain Pilgrims. Give thanks for the way in which Moving Mountains is taking root in churches across Cumbria
<i>Our Bishops</i>	Bishop James and Bishop Robert, North West Bishops Meeting, Lancaster.

Wednesday 3 May

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Diocese of the Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands (Province of West Indies) The Rt Revd Laish Boyd, clergy and people. <i>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</i>
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personnel for an indigenous ministry. The island locations and scattered settlements make pastoral care difficult and costly.

- Solway Deanery* The emergence and development of Mission Communities. Solway Mission (Solway Plain and Aspatria, Wigton Methodist Circuit; Silloth URC); Criffel View (Maryport and Crosscanonby, Allonby) and Workington (Workington, Harrington and Seaton). For the growing relationships between the people, lay preachers, readers, and clergy of the Mission Communities - including all churches. Steering Group's as they seek God's guidance for the way forward and the courage to seek radical change for mission.
- Our Bishops* Bishop James, Mothers Union Conference, Shap; Bishops Council, Rydal.
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Thursday 4 May

English Saints and Martyrs

Anglican Communion Province of Southern Africa - Diocese of Namibia, The Rt Revd Natanael Nakwatumban; Suffragen Bishop of Namibia, The Rt Revd Petrus Hilukiluah, clergy and people.
(For notes on Southern Africa see 2 May).

Solway Deanery For local elections, for those standing across the Deanery and for a good turnout of electors. To pray for local parish, local authority and county counsellors and their commitment to serving local communities.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Meetings and House of Lords, London.
Bishop Robert, Mothers Union Conference, Shap Wells Hotel

Friday 5 May

Anglican Communion National Indigenous Bishop - (Ontario, Canada) The Rt Revd 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.

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The work of our Deanery Network Youth Church Officer Yvette Ladds and the work of the Network Youth Church in Solway. Remembering all the youth cells that meet regularly throughout the deanery as they grow in faith, wisdom and love for Jesus and for volunteer leaders, for leader training and support in the work of Yvette Ladds (Network Youth Church Officer). For the development of prayer spaces and reflection rooms in schools across the deanery.

Saturday 6 May

*Anglican
Communion*

Navajoland Area Mission - (VIII, the Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd 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.

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The Solway Mission Community Involvement in local Carnivals and the community Bar-be-Ques over the summer months as part of the mission and outreach in the area to all ages across the area.

Our Bishops

Bishop James, Hawkshead Bell Tower Gala Dinner, Grasmere.

Sunday 7 May

Easter 4

*Anglican
Communion*

Diocese of Ndokwa - (Province of Bendel, Nigeria) The Rt Revd 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.

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For all those, young and old, who are preparing for or considering Confirmation. For all the people of Solway Deanery who have been confirmed in the last year, that God will guide and bless them as they continue to grow in the faith.

God for All

Please give thanks for the continued growth of Network Youth Church and pray for space for this to continue to flourish through the transition to mission communities.

Thank God for the people who have signed up for the Fresh Expressions day conference so far on Nov 14th, pray people will be inspired and challenged by the stories and workshops presented.

Pray for Mountain Pilgrims as we respond to the people looking to plant new fresh expressions of church in the outdoors across the county.

Vocations

We pray for the work of Cumbria Christian Learning and all those who resource our learning and encourage deeper commitment to Christ.

We pray for the Co-ordinator for Vocations Advisers in the Archdeaconry of West Cumberland, Jonathan Falkner.

We pray for the Vocations Advisers in the Solway deanery.

Our Bishops

Bishop James, Confirmation Service, Kells; Re-opening St Cuthbert's Church, South Barrow & Furness Team Deanery, Kentmere.

Monday 8 May 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.

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Diocese of Nebbi (Province of Uganda) The Rt Revd Alphonse Watho-kudi, clergy and people. <i>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.</i>
<i>Solway Deanery</i>	For all the NSM in the deanery: Caroline Kennedy, Malcolm Stilwell. For all the retired ministers in the Deanery for their very special ministry, dedication and service: John Cook, , Irene Fearon, Margaret Fogg, Rosemary Facer, Michael Hanson, Peter Hayward, David King, Neil Perkinson.
<i>Our Bishops</i>	Bishop James, South Barrow & Furness Residential Dinner & Talk, Rydal Hall.

Tuesday 9 May

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Diocese of Nebraska - (VI, The Episcopal Church) The Revd Scott Barker, Diocese of Nevada - (VIII, The Episcopal Church) The Revd Dan Edwards, clergy and people. <i>(For notes on The Episcopal Church see 6 May).</i>
<i>Solway Deanery</i>	All church people who do all sorts of jobs, who by their lives and actions quietly bear daily witness to their faith in God and for their commitment to the life of their local church.

Our Bishops Bishop James and Bishop Robert, Retired Clergy Lunch, Bishops House.

Wednesday 10 May

Anglican Communion Diocese of Nelson – (Province of Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Rt Revd 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.

Solway Deanery All the little things that take place in parish life that enable the life of faith to grow. Especially for those who have taken or will take up new roles and responsibilities and for those facing new challenges, and for allowing some things to stop.

Our Bishops Bishop James, DBF, Penrith; BLT Residential Rydal.
Bishop Robert BLT Residential Rydal.

Thursday 11 May

Anglican Communion Diocese of New Busa (Province of Kwara, Nigeria), The Rt Revd Israel Amoo, clergy and people.

(For notes on Nigeria see 7 May)

Solway Deanery The ongoing works with Young Church, Sunday Schools, Youth Groups, Baptism families, Tots Groups, Messy Churches and all young people's work throughout the deanery.

Our Bishops Bishop James and Bishop Robert, BLT Residential Rydal.

Friday 12 May

Gregory Dix, priest, monk, scholar, 1901 – 1952

Born in Woolwich, the son of a schoolmaster. Became a priest and served as the first Principal of the College of St Mark and St John, Chelsea. He was educated at Westminster School becoming an exhibitioner at Merton College, Oxford. His modest

degree did not reflect his real ability and 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. With another monk he lived in the parsonage, kept the round of monastic offices and cared for the parish. On his return to Nashdom he 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 Diocese of New Guinea Islands (Province of Papua, New
Communion Guinea), The Rt Revd Allan Migi, clergy and people.

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.

Our Bishops Bishop James, and Bishop Robert, BLT Residential Rydal.

Saturday 13 May

Anglican Diocese of New Hampshire (I, The Episcopal Church), The Rt
Communion Revd Robert Hirschfield, clergy and people.
(For notes on The Episcopal Church see 6 May)

Solway Pray for the schools in our Benefice - Crosscanonby St. John's VC
Deanery Primary School (Head - Chris Steele); Allonby Primary School
(Head - Dave Owen) & Dearham Primary Academy (Head - Sam
Kidd).

Our Bishops Bishop James, 50th Anniversary of the Founding of the Chapel of
Christ the Healer at La Monnaie Guernsey.

Sunday 14 May**Easter 5**

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of New Jersey - (II, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd William Stokes, clergy and people.
(For notes on The Episcopal Church see 6 May)
- Solway Deanery* Pray also for our work with Discovery Club (an after-school club run by church members) in Crosscanonby School; for our Boys Brigade and Girls Association Company at Dearham Church (Captain - Paul Gilmour) and for the Brownie Pack in Crosby (led by Julie Swanston).
- God for All* Pray for Moving Mountains, that people's enthusiasm would fuel their engagement with the opportunities it offers.
- Our Bishops* Bishop James, 50th Anniversary of the Founding of the Chapel of Christ the Healer at La Monnaie Guernsey.
Bishop Robert, Confirmation, Greystoke; Judith Ashurst Licencing, Thornthwaite, St Mary's.
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Monday 15 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* New Westminster (British Columbia & the Yukon, Canada), The Rt Revd Melissa Skelton; Niagara (Ontario, Canada), The Rt Revd Michael Allan Bird, clergy and people.
(For notes on Canada see 5 May).
- Solway Deanery* For the Maryport, Netherton, Flimby parishes: Susan McKendry (Team Vicar), Margaret Fogg (Associate Priest) Julie Batsford, and Linda Ratcliffe (Readers) especially with the reducing numbers of clergy and the ongoing mission to the town and the communities that form it.
- Our Bishops* Bishop Robert, SuG Meeting, Church House.
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Tuesday 16 May

Anglican Communion Diocese of New York, The Rt Revd Andrew Dietsche; Suffragen Bishop of New York, The Rt Revd Allen Shin; Western New York, The Rt Revd William Franklin, clergy and people
(For notes on *The Episcopal Church* see 6 May).

Solway Deanery For Broughton Moor as it reopens after extensive work and the congregation return to worship in the church and the churches mission to share the good news across the community.

Wednesday 17 May

Anglican Communion Diocese of Newala - (Province of Tanzania) The Rt Revd 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.

Solway Deanery Pray for our work with the churches in the Maryport Team - especially for our joint baptism, wedding and confirmation preparation and our shared Messy Church. Pray that we may be able to encourage those involved to find out more about God's love for them.

Our Bishops Bishop James, State Opening of Parliament, London.

Thursday 18 May

Anglican Communion Diocese of Newark - (II The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Mark Beckwith, clergy and people.
(For notes on *The Episcopal Church* see 6 May).

Solway Deanery Prayer for the parishes of Camerton & Seaton: for the clergy and ministers Ian Grainger (Vicar), Irene Fearon (Associate Priest), Grace Blackwell (Licensed Lay Reader).

Our Bishops Bishop James, Cumbria Church Leaders, St Mary's Church
Windermere; University of Cumbria Board Meeting, Ambleside.

Friday 19 May Dunstan, archbishop, monastic reformer, 909-988

In the early part of the 9th century there were at least four monastic houses for women but none for men. Dunstan restored monastic life for men. He 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 Diocese of Newcastle - (Province of York, England) The Rt Revd
Communion Christine Hardman; Suffragen Bishop of Berwick (Province of
York, England) The Rt Revd Mark Tanner, clergy and people.
*Founded in 627. York; East Riding of Yorkshire, except for an area in
the south-west; Kingston-upon-Hull; Redcar and Cleveland;
Middlesbrough; the eastern half of North Yorkshire; Stockton-on-Tees,
south of the Tees; an area of Leeds. Population 1,375,000. 471
parishes, 611 churches, 222 stipendiary clergy*

Solway Prayers for Seaton St Paul's C of E Junior School (Head Amanda
Deanery Dickinson) - give thanks for the 'OUTSTANDING' outcome of
recent SIAMS inspection.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Royal British Legion Residential Conference,
Southport.

Saturday 20 May St Alcuin of York, 735 - 804

Alcuin of York was an English scholar, clergy, poet and teacher. In 781 Alcuin accepted an invitation from Charlemagne to go to Aachen to a meeting of leading scholars and he was appointed Head of Charlemagne's Palace School. He developed the Carolingian minuscule which became the basis of the way the Roman alphabet is written and most of the mathematical works were copied into this script in the 9th century. In 796 Alcuin became abbot of the Abbey of St Martin at Tours

Anglican Communion Diocese of Newcastle (New South Wales, Australia), The Rt Revd Greg Thompson; Assistant Bishop of Newcastle (New South Wales, Australia) The Rt Revd Peter Stuart, clergy and people. *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.*

Solway Deanery Schools – St Matthew’s Westnewton, Holme Cultram, Silloth Primary, Holme St Cuthbert, Solway Community Technology College and its growing partnership with Beacon Hill Community School in Aspatria

Our Bishops Bishop James, Royal British Legion Residential Conference, Southport.

Sunday 21 May

Easter 6

Anglican Communion Diocese of Ngbo - (Province of Enugu, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Christian Ebisike, clergy and people.
(For notes on Nigeria see 7 May)

Solway Deanery Solway Team, its clergy Bryan Rothewell (Team Rector), Peter Haywood (Associate Priest), Tim Barker (Reader), Christine Young (Lay Minister) Cherry Asbury, and Revd Richard Goodfellow and the open air Rogation-tide service in Westnewton at 3pm today.

God for All Messy Cathedral 20th May – please pray for all leaders & families

attending.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Royal British Legion Residential Conference, Southport.
Bishop Robert, Confirmation, Lazonby.

Monday 22 May

Rogation Day

Anglican Communion Diocese of Niassa - (Province of Southern Africa) The Revd Vicente Msossa; Suffragan Bishop of Niassa (Province of Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Manuel Ernesto, clergy and people.
(For notes on Southern Africa see 2 May)

Solway Deanery Solway Plain Team – pastoral scheme for formation of a single parish and the formation and building up of the Solway Mission Community

Our Bishops Bishop James, House of Bishops, York
Bishop Robert, Reach Meeting, Church House.

Tuesday 23 May

Rogation Day

Anglican Communion Diocese of Niger Delta North - (Province of Niger Delta, Nigeria) The Most Revd Ignatius Kattey, clergy and people.
(For notes on Nigeria see 7 May)

Solway Deanery Ministry to the Nursing/Residential Homes on Thursday mornings and plans for re-ordering of Christ Church, Silloth and the continuing work on Holme Cultram Abbey.

Wednesday 24 May

John and Charles Wesley, evangelists, hymn writers, 1703-1791 and 1707-1788

Both brothers were at Oxford and both Ordained into the Anglican Church. 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 Niger Delta West, (Province of Niger Delta, Nigeria),
The Rt Revd Emmanuel Oko-Jaja, clergy and people.
(For notes on Nigeria see 7 May).

Solway Deanery For the clergy and lay leaders at Harrington and Distington: Julia Powley (Priest-in-Charge), Heather Lowe (Assistant Curate) especially as she prepares to move on to a new role, for Andrew Callaway (Reader) and Alan Lowe (Licensed Layworker).

Our Bishops Bishop Robert, SSG, Rydal Hall.

Thursday 25 May Ascension Day

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

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

Solway Deanery Please pray for the further development of new expressions of church in the two parishes of Harrington and Distinguon, especially as the team changes. And for ongoing relationships with the schools. Pray that God will raise up more lay leaders in both parishes, and for a resolution to building issues.

Our Bishops Bishop James, National Dementia Conference, London.

Friday 26 May St Augustine of Canterbury, Archbishop, died 605

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 Diocese of The Niger Delta - (Province of Niger Delta, Nigeria)
The Rt Revd Ralph Ebirien, clergy and people.
(For notes on Nigeria see 7 May)

Solway Deanery Workington St Michael, for Mr M Nichol and Mr E Martin (Churchwardens), for Lorna Wilson (administrator) during a period of prolonged interregnum. For the gradual move towards the appointment of an incumbent

Our Bishops Bishop James, Dinner with visiting team from North Argentina, Bishops House.

Saturday 27 May

Anglican Communion Diocese of The Niger Delta - (Province of Niger, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Johnson Ekwe, clergy and people.
(For notes on Nigeria see 7 May)

Solway Deanery Prayers for developing 'conversations' within local community and links with community groups and Churches Together in Silloth – Open Air Service on Silloth Green 10.30am today with Revd Mike Talbot preacher (27

Sunday 28 May**Sunday After Ascension***Anglican
Communion*

Pray for the work of the Anglican Centre in Rome, Diocese of Nike, (Province of Enugu, Nigeria), The Rt Revd Evans Jonathan Ibeagha, clergy and people.
(For notes on Nigeria see 7 May)

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For Workington St John's its clergy Robert Hannaford (Pries- in-Charge), Malcolm Stilwell and John Cook (assistant priests). In particular for the work to repair the roof and make the building watertight

God for All

Pray that people will make the most of the week of prayer (4-11 June) to pray for the upcoming of God's kingdom in Cumbria.

Monday 29 May*Anglican
Communion*

Diocese of Nnewi - (Province of Niger, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Godwin Izundu Nmezinwa Okpala, clergy and people.
(For notes on Nigeria see 7 May).

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St Mary's, Westfield for Steve Axtell (vicar), Gareth Douglas-Brown (Reader), Mrs Janet Baker and Mrs Mary Stroud (Local Lay Ministers). That the church may grow and be at the heart of the community

Tuesday 30 May*Anglican
Communion*

Diocese of Nord Kivu (Province of Congo), The Rt Revd Muhindo Isesomo; Assistant Bishop of Nord Kivu (Province of Congo), The Rt Revd Enoch Kayeeye, clergy and people.
The province of the Anglican Church of Congo has a population of 45 million. Anglicans number only 160,000, with 6 Dioceses, 270 clergy and 241 parishes.

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The parishes of Aspatria, with Hayton and Gilcruix. Clergy: Tim Herbert (Priest-in-Charge), Richard Goodfellow (Assistant Curate), David King (Associate Priest), Brenda Gear (Reader). Pray for the mission of the Churches and their ability to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom effectively and for relationships

with the schools: Oughterside Foundation School (Hayton and Gilcruix), Richmond Hill Primary School (Aspatria) and Beacon Hill Community School.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Mission Community Launch Afternoon Tea, Whitehaven.
Bishop Robert, Helm Group of Churches service and dedication, Old Hutton church.

Wednesday 31 May The Visitation

Anglican Communion Diocese of North Ankole (Province of Uganda), The Rt Revd Stephen Namanya, clergy and people.

(For notes on Nigeria see 7 May).

Solway Deanery For St James Hayton celebrating its 150th anniversary in July and its plans for internal re-ordering to enable it to be a hub for the heart of the community. Pray for generosity and vision for all involved in this major project.

Moving Mountains – 8 to 11 March 2018

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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