

Carlisle Diocese Prayer Diary

JANUARY 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 Penrith Deanery



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SUNDAY 1 January

Christmas 2

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Kolhapur, Province of North India, Bishop Bathuel Tiwade, 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.
- Penrith Deanery* Penrith Deanery. The life of the whole deanery and work of Churches Together in Penrith. For those involved in forming Mission Communities across the Deanery, Area and Circuits and starting to turn ideas into practice.
- Vocations* We pray for those training to be Readers or clergy.
We pray for the Co-ordinator for the Vocations Advisers in the Archdeaconry of Carlisle, Janet Cox.
We pray for the Vocations Advisers in the Penrith deanery
- God For All* Give thanks for the launch of **Messy Cumbria**, and pray for those who are involved with Messy Churches across the county, that they would discover more of God.
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Monday 2 January

Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, bishops, teachers of the faith, 379 and 389

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

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

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Diocese of Kondoia , Province of Tanzania, Bishop Given Gaula, clergy and people. <i>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.</i>
<i>Penrith Deanery</i>	For our farming communities and the work of the Cumbria Ecumenical Agricultural Chaplaincy.

Tuesday 3 January

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Diocese of Kongor, Province of Upper Nile, Sudan, Bishop Gabriel Thuch Agoth, clergy and people. <i>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.</i>
<i>Penrith Deanery</i>	With thanks for the vision of Churches Together in Penrith and the good relations which make ecumenical Mission Communities possible.
<i>Our Bishops</i>	Bishop Robert, Meetings Holmcroft then Church House Penrith.

Wednesday 4 January

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Diocese of Kontagora, Province of Lokoja, Nigeria, Bishop Jonah Ibrahim, clergy and people. <i>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</i>
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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.

Penrith Barton, Pooley Bridge, Martindale and Watermillock. Vicar:
Deanery David Wood; Readers: Raymond Solomon and Alan Wright.
Our Bishops Bishop James, 'Being Human' conference, Durham, 4th to 7th January.

Thursday 5 January

Anglican Diocese of Kootenay, Province of British Columbia & the Yukon,
Communion Canada, The Most Revd John Elswood Privett, 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.

Penrith Greystoke with Penruddock, Mungrisdale and Matterdale and
Deanery Greystoke Messy Church. Rector: Bill White.
Our Bishops Bishop James, 'Being Human' conference, Durham, 4th to 7th January

Friday 6 January

The Epiphany

O God, who revealed your only Son to the Gentiles by the leading of a star, mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may after this life enjoy the splendour of your gracious Godhead, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Penrith St Andrew, Greystoke. For the Open the Book team in local
Deanery schools. For Pilgrims in Progress. For the Youth Club. For the Messy Church programme
Our Bishops Bishop James, 'Being Human' conference, Durham, 4th -7th Jan.

Saturday 7 January

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Kubwa, Province of Abuja, Nigeria, Bishop Duke Akamisoko, clergy and people.
(For notes on Nigeria see 4 January)
- Penrith Deanery* All Saints, Penruddock & Matteredale Church & St Kentigern Mungrisdale. For the Bible Study Group - life of smaller scattered communities.
- Our Bishops* Bishop James, 'Being Human' conference, Durham, 4th -7th Jan.
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SUNDAY 8 January

The Baptism of Christ

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Kuching, Province of South East Asia, Bishop Bolly Lapok and Assistant Bishop Solomon Cheong Sung Voon, clergy and people.
The Church of South East Asia has 4 Dioceses in the countries of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.
- Penrith Deanery* For the work of the Network Youth Church and Carl Mimmack's leadership of new focus on youth ministry at The Gathering.
- God For All* Pray for the two **Mountain Pilgrim** walks taking place today, for spirits to soar, and God to be encountered in the thin places
- Our Bishops* Bishop James, Evangelical Bishops meeting, Birmingham, 8th to 9th January
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Monday 9 January

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Kumi, Province of Uganda, Bishop Thomas Irigei, 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.

Penrith Deanery Give thanks for the 'East of Eden' mission community launched on September 4th 2016, comprising of the Cross Fell and Kirkoswald benefices and the Alston and Kirkoswald Methodist circuit, joint leaders Stephen Pye, Les Wallace and Revd David Fowler.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Evangelical Bishops meeting, Birmingham, 8th to 9th January; Bishop Robert, C of E and Carlisle Diocese website focus group, Church House Penrith; Clergy Residential, Rydal 9th to 10th January.

Tuesday 10 January William Laud (1573 – 1645)

William Laud was an English bishop and academic. He was the Archbishop of Canterbury from 1633, during the rule of Charles I who admired Laud's learning and valued his advice. As well as his church preferments, Laud became increasingly powerful in affairs of state and was appointed to several important offices close to the King. In matters of church politics Laud was autocratic and he enforced a collection of rules in order to maintain uniform worship in England and Wales, in line with the king's preferences. Arrested in 1640, he was executed in 1645.

Anglican Communion Diocese of Kushtia, Province of Bangladesh, Bishop Samuel Sunil Mankhin, clergy and people.
Province founded 1971. Only 0.3% (350,000) of the 128 million population of Bangladesh are Christians and of these only 13% are Anglican. Muslims comprise 87%, Hindus 12% and Buddhists 1%. There are two Anglican Dioceses, 50 parishes and 24 clergy.

Penrith Deanery Benefice of Dacre. For the PCC, Church Wardens and people during the ongoing interregnum. For the Confirmation Group starting at Stainton C of E (A) School.

Our Bishops Bishop James, and Bishop Robert, Clergy Residential, Rydal 9th to 10th January.

Wednesday 11 January

Anglican Communion Diocese of Kutigi, Province of Lokoja, Nigeria, Bishop Jeremiah Kolo, clergy and people.
(For notes on Nigeria see 4 January)

Penrith Benefice of Crossfell . Priest in Charge: Canon Stephen Pye,

Deanery Reader: Bryan Gray, Lay Assistant John Doidge-Harrison. Thanks for strong ecumenical working relationship and the positive development of our Mission Community. St Lawrence, Kirkland; St Luke's, Ousby and the young people's choir; St John the Evangelist, Skirwith.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Steering Committee, Church House, Penrith
Bishop Robert, Moving Mountains planning meeting, Church House Penrith

Thursday 12 January Benedict Biscop (c627 - c690)

An Anglo Saxon nobleman, monk and abbot. An important figure in the early history of the Christian church in north England, thanks to his importation of Roman ideas, Abbot Benedict was the founder and benefactor of the Monkwearmouth Jarrow Abbeys and is known for the the library he created at Jarrow and for being the mentor of the Venerable Bede.

Anglican Communion Diocese of Kwara, Province of Kwara, Nigeria, Bishop Olusegun Adeyemi, clergy and people.
(For notes on Nigeria see 4 January)

Penrith Deanery St John the Baptist, Melmerby. For the children's choir at Culgaith and the contribution of Messy Church to the Group. For Culgaith C of E (A) School, Head: Lynne Harrison.

Our Bishops Bishop James, St Matthews school visit, Westnewton; Chapter Meeting society of Catholic priests, Carlisle Cathedral; Bishop Robert, Reach meeting, Church House Penrith.

Friday 13 January

Anglican Communion Diocese of Kwoi, Province of Abuja, Nigeria, Bishop Paul Zamani, clergy and people.
(For notes on Nigeria see 4 January)

Penrith Deanery St Peter's Langwathby. For the team producing "Memo", our mid-Eden monthly magazine. Langwathby CE (C) School, Head: Lesley Birtwell.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Meeting with Peter McCall, Police and Crime Commissioner, Bishop's House.

Saturday 14 January

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Lafia, Province of Abuja, Nigeria, Bishop Miller Maza, clergy and people.
(For notes on Nigeria see 4 January)
- Penrith Deanery* Benefice of the Inglewood Group of Churches. Rector: Philip Dorling; Associate Priest: Brian Dawson, Priests: Dorothy Derrick, Ferial Etherington, Myrtle Langley; CLMs: Dinah George & Claudia Weaving; LLM: Daphne Sisson.
- Our Bishops* Bishop James and Bishop Robert, Bishop's Council, Rydal Hall.

SUNDAY 15 January

Second of Epiphany

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Kyoto, Province of Japan, Bishop Stephen Takashi Kochi and the Diocese of Kyushu in the Province of Japan, Bishop Luke Ken-ichi Muto, 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. Sei Ko Kai Shumbun, the Church monthly, is augmented by NSKK, published in English. The total population is 127,100,000 of whom only 1 million are Christians and of these 57,407 are Anglicans. There are 11 Dioceses, 318 parishes and 348 clergy.
- Penrith Deanery* *Christians Against Poverty'*. Pray for Jon Cooke leading the Penrith CAP Debt Centre and the volunteer support workers.
- God For All* Give thanks for the opportunities to hold **Prayer Spaces** in a variety of schools, and pray that those who take part will encounter God
- Our Bishops* Bishop James, Pilgrimage presentation, Penrith.

Monday 16 January

- Anglican* Diocese of Lafia, Province of Abuja, Nigeria, Bishop Miller Maza

- Communion* and the Diocese of Lagos in the Province of Lagos, Nigeria, The Most Revd Ephraim Ademowo, clergy and people.
(For notes on Nigeria see 4 January)
- Penrith Deanery* Benefice of Patterdale. Vicar: Terry Wilcock; Reader: George Theobald. Patterdale CofE (A) School, Head: Liz Stewart. For the continuing development of Messy Church. For our increasing involvement with the Penrith Methodist Circuit.
- Our Bishops* Bishop James, Turf Cutting Mitre Housing Association, Coniston
Bishop Robert, staff meetings, Church House Penrith
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Tuesday 17 January Antony of Egypt (c251 – 356)

Saint Antony was a Christian monk from Egypt, revered since his death as a saint and is also known as the Father of All Monks. The biography of Anthony's life by Athanasius of Alexandria helped to spread the concept of Christian monasticism, particularly in Western Europe. He is often erroneously considered the first Christian monk, but he was the first to go into the wilderness about AD 310. He blazed the way for monastic spirituality, built a foundation of solitude and ceaseless prayer and inspired thousands to take up the monastic life.

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Lagos Mainland, Province of Lagos, Nigeria, Bishop Adebayo Akinde, clergy and people.
(For notes on Nigeria see 4 January)
- Penrith Deanery* St Michael & All Angels, Ainstable: For the ecumenical links we have with the Methodist congregation.
- Our Bishops* Bishop James, Meeting with Tim Farron MP. Bishop Robert, staff meetings, Holmcroft Kendal; Filling Station - 'Finding Jesus on the Road', Appleby Hub
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Wednesday 18 January Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Lagos West, Province of Lagos, Nigeria, Bishop James Odedeji, clergy and people.
(For notes on Nigeria see 4 January)
- Penrith Deanery* Christ Church & St Mary, Armathwaite: For the Quarterly Messy Church - that new children and their parents will be drawn in.
Armathwaite School, Head: Helen Hepworth.

Our Bishops

Bishop James and Bishop Robert Bishops Leadership Team meeting, Bishop's House; Bishop James, Gathering Christ Church, Cockermouth

Thursday 19 January

Wulfstan, bishop, 1009-1095

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

Anglican

Diocese of Lahore, Province of Pakistan, Bishop Irfan Jamil and the Diocese of Peshawar in the Province of Pakistan, Bishop Humphrey Peters, clergy and people.

Communion

There are 9 Dioceses in the Church in Pakistan:- Arabian Gulf, Faisalabad, Hyderabad, Karachi, Lahore, Multan, Peshawar, Raiwind and Sialkot. The Primate is Alexander John Malik.

Penrith

All Saints, Calthwaite. For the Rainbow Club. Calthwaite C of E

Deanery

(A) School, Head: Joseph Askew. St Mary, Hesket-in-the-Forest: For the monthly Soup & Social lunch outreach. St James, Hutton-in-the-Forest: For new people to engage with parish life.

Our Bishops

Bishop James, University Board Strategy Session, Lancaster
Bishop Robert, Safeguarding Panel Meeting, Church House Penrith.

Friday 20 January

Anglican

Diocese of Lainya, Province of Loryko, Sudan, Bishop Eliaba Lako

Communion

Obed, clergy and people.

(For notes on Sudan see 3 January)

Penrith

Penrith Team Ministry for Plumpton Wall – retired priest Rev

Deanery

Keith Wood, curate Rev Mandy Jones and the good links with Plumpton Primary School. Head teacher Mrs Penny.

Our Bishops

Bishop James, Association of Christian Counsellors National Conference and Training Event. Bishop Robert, Penrith Deanery clergy – mission community discussion, Greystoke Rectory.

Saturday 21 January

St Agnes, child martyr, 292-305

Many mediaeval legends need to be discounted but her basic story is supported by historical evidence. During the Diocletian persecutions she declared herself to be a Christian, refused to sacrifice to the gods of Rome and was executed. In art, she is usually shown carrying a lamb.

Anglican

Diocese of Lake Malawi, Province of Central Africa, Bishop Francis Kaulanda, clergy and people.

Communion

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 the difficulties of rapid industrialization, along with underdeveloped, thinly populated areas. In Malawi, 30 per cent of the adult males are away as migrant labourers in other countries at any given time. Zimbabwe is experiencing 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.

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We give thanks for the encouraging decision by the Salvation Army to join the Mission Community process on Advent Sunday 2016 and we pray for the Penrith Corps and their officers Jenny and Stuart McPhee as they join the Penrith churches looking to be more deliberately mission-minded together.

Our Bishops

Bishop James, Association of Christian Counsellors National Conference and Training Event

SUNDAY 22 January

Third of Epiphany

Anglican

Diocese of Lake Rukwa, Province of Tanzania, Bishop Mathayo

Communion

Kasagara, clergy and people.

(For notes on Tanzania see 2 January)

<i>Penrith Deanery</i>	Pray for those who care for others in professional, voluntary or family roles. For Penrith Hospital, local care, residential and nursing homes and North Lakeland Hospice at Home Christ Church, Ivegill.
<i>God For All</i>	Pray for the Imagine Day taking place in Penrith on Saturday, that those who attend will be enabled to live out their faith day by day.
<i>Our Bishops</i>	Bishop James, Association of Christian Counsellors National Conference and Training Event

Monday 23 January

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Diocese of Lango, Province of Uganda, Bishop John Charles Odurkami, clergy and people. <i>(For notes on Uganda see 9 January)</i>
<i>Penrith Deanery</i>	For the 4C's children's club. Ivegill C of E (A) School, Head Sue Stainton. St Michael, Skelton, for the Eco-congregation project. Skelton Primary School, Head: Gary Newman.
<i>Our Bishops</i>	Bishop James and Bishop Robert, College of Bishops meeting, London,

Francis de Sales (1567 – 1622)

Tuesday 24 January

A Bishop of Geneva, Francis de Sales became noted for his deep faith and his gentle approach to the religious divisions in his land resulting from the Protestant Reformation. He is also known for his writings on the topic of spiritual direction and spiritual formation, particularly the Treatise on the Love of God and the devotional classic the Introduction to the Devout Life which emphasized that spiritual perfection is possible for people busy with the affairs of the world and not only, as many believed at the time, for those who withdraw from society.

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Diocese of Langtang, Province of Jos, Nigeria, Bishop Stanley Fube, clergy and people. <i>(For notes on Nigeria see 4 January)</i>
<i>Penrith</i>	Inglewood Group of Churches: For the 7 parishes of this area as

Deanery they work towards producing Parish Mission Action Plans and the future shape of Mission Communities.

Our Bishops Bishop Robert, staff meetings, Holmcroft; Mission Community Development Review; Holmcroft

Wednesday 25 January *The Conversion of Paul*

The conversion of Paul the Apostle, was, according to the New Testament, an event in the life of Paul the Apostle that led him to cease persecuting early Christians and to become a follower of Jesus. It is normally dated to AD 33–36. The phrases Pauline conversion, Damascene conversion and the road to Damascus allude to this event. If Saul had remained a Jewish rabbi, we would be missing thirteen of twenty-seven books of the New Testament and Christianity's early major expansion to the Gentiles.

Anglican Communion Diocese of Langtang, Province of Jos, Nigeria, Bishop Stanley Fube, clergy and people.

(For notes on Nigeria see 4 January)

Penrith Deanery Benefice of Kirkoswald, Renwick, Great Salkeld and Lazonby.
Vicar: David Fowler; Kirkoswald C of E (C) School, Head: Greta Ellis; Lazonby C of E (A) School: Head, Andrew Davies.

Our Bishops Bishop James, DBF meeting, Church House Penrith.
Bishop Robert, Moving Mountains planning meeting, Church House Penrith

Thursday 26 January St Timothy and Titus, companions of Paul

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

Anglican Communion Diocese of Leicester, Province of Canterbury, England, Bishop Martyn James Snow and Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of

Leicester in the Province of Canterbury, England, Bishop Christopher John Boyle, clergy and people.

Population 893,000. 324 churches, 237 parishes, 143 stipendiary clergy. Diocese was restored in 1926.

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Penrith Team Ministry. Pray that the formation of the Penrith Mission Community will be truly mission-minded. Pray for Penrith OpShop and its manager Kate Clements.

Our Bishops

Bishop James and Bishop Robert, CCL Board meeting, Rydal Hall.

Friday 27 January

*Anglican
Communion*

Diocese of Lexington, (IV, The Episcopal Church), Bishop Douglas Hahn, 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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For the joint services between Christ Church and Penrith and Penruddock URC, that they will continue to develop and that a closer relationship between the two churches may develop in the spirit of *God for All* and *Mission Community* formation.

Saturday 28 January

St Thomas Aquinas, priest, philosopher, teacher of the faith, 1225-1274

Scholar, philosopher and theologian, became a Dominican friar against the wishes of his family. He went to Paris and later to Cologne where he developed the scholastic system of thought set out in his "Summa Theologica" (22 volumes in the English translation). Thomist thought became so basic to western theology that until Vatican II all RC schools and colleges were required to teach according to its principles. His extraordinary intellect and orthodox teaching earned him the title of "The Angelic Doctor".

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Diocese of Liberia, Province of West Africa, West Africa, The Most Revd Jonathan Bau-Bau Bonaparte Hart, clergy and people. <i>Church of the Province of West Africa includes Cameroon, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone and The Gambia. Total population 45 million of which 10 million are Christians, and 1 million are Anglicans with 600 parishes and 450 clergy.</i>
<i>Penrith Deanery</i>	Penrith Team Ministry. Beaconside C of E (VA) School, new Head: Nick Page. . For ecumenical chaplaincy team in the local secondary schools, Queen Elizabeth’s Grammar School and Ullswater Community College.

SUNDAY 29 January The Presentation

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Diocese of Lichfield, Province of Canterbury, England, Bishop Michael Ipgrave and Diocese of Lichfield – Shrewsbury, Province of Canterbury, England, Bishop Mark James Rylands and Diocese of Lichfield – Stafford, Province of Canterbury, England, Bishop Geoffrey Peter Annas and Diocese of Lichfield – Wolverhampton, Province of Canterbury, England, Bishop Clive Gregory, clergy and people. <i>Founded 644, formerly Mercia. Stretching from the Welsh border to the Peak District; and from north Staffordshire to the Black Country; the Diocese of Lichfield is one of the largest in the Church of England. Population 1,988,000. There are 428 parishes, 583 churches, and 281 stipendiary clergy.</i>
<i>Penrith Deanery</i>	We give thanks for those who preach, teach and nurture us in faith, especially for the ministry of Readers & Lay Preachers. Also for Pastoral Care workers and other Licensed ministries.
<i>God For All</i>	Pray for the first of the <i>Moving Mountains</i> 2018 launch events taking place in Carlisle on Wednesday night, for people to catch a vision for what might be possible in their communities.

Monday 30 January

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Diocese of Limerick & Killaloe, Province of Dublin, Ireland, Bishop Kenneth Kearon, clergy and people. <i>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.</i>
<i>Penrith Deanery</i>	The Deanery as we seek to work, pray and grow together in the future.
<i>Our Bishops</i>	Bishop James, Ecumenical meeting, Penrith Bishop Robert, tbc Introducing the Diocese 2017, Penrith

Tuesday 31 January

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Diocese of Lincoln, Province of Canterbury, England, Bishop Christopher Lowson and Diocese of Lincoln – Grantham, Province of Canterbury, England, Bishop Nicholas Alan Chamberlain and Diocese of Lincoln – Grimsby, Province of Canterbury, England, Bishop David Eric Court, clergy and people. <i>Founded 1072, formerly Dorchester 886, formerly Leicester 680, originally Lindine 678; now comprises Lincolnshire except for an area in the west which is in the Diocese of Sheffield. Population 991,000. There are 514 parishes, 645 churches, and 172 stipendiary clergy.</i>
<i>Penrith Deanery</i>	For the organists and musicians across the deanery who enrich our worship with their skills. For the Churchwardens in the deanery and for all they contribute to the life of the congregations and care of churches.
<i>Our Bishops</i>	Bishop Robert, Joint Anglican-Roman Catholic Bishops meeting, Birmingham.

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