

# Carlisle Diocese Prayer Diary

**AUGUST 2016**



*'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 Furness Deanery**



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## Monday 1 August

### *Anglican Communion*

Diocese of Ekiti Oke (Province of Ondo, Nigeria), Bishop Isaac Olubowale, 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.*

### *Furness Deanery*

Rural Dean: Alan Bing; Secretary: Matt Keddilty; Lay Chair and Treasurer: Geoff Brunskill, Youth Minister: Vic Sekasi. Youth Intern: Tommy. Pray for Furness Deanery Synod as we seek to develop a deanery-wide pattern for mission and ministry, including Mission Communities; for deepening fellowship and support within the Deanery Chapter; for the development of the Deanery Network Youth Church, and its local cells.

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## Tuesday 2 August

### *Anglican Communion*

Diocese of Ekiti (Province of Ondo, Nigeria), Bishop Samuel Abe  
Diocese of Ekiti West (Province of Ondo, Nigeria), Bishop Samuel Oke  
clergy and people.  
*(For notes on Nigeria see 1 August)*

### *Furness Deanery*

Benefice of Broughton and Duddon – Priest-in-Charge: Nick Thornley, Retired Priests: Oliver Forshaw and Alex Stockley, Readers: Roland Stuart, William Travis, Lindsay Nevin and the work of CLMs. Pray for the ‘Follow Me’ services, that we will find ways of drawing people into discipleship; for our youth group ‘Meeting Point’.

## Wednesday 3 August

### *Anglican Communion*

Diocese of El Camino Real (Province of The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Mary Gray-Reeves, 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.*

### *Furness Deanery*

Parish of St Mary Magdalene, Broughton-in-Furness. The Parish Church of the United Benefice; for Broughton-in-Furness C of E Controlled School - Head: Jacki Graham-Kevin.

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## Thursday 4 August

### *Anglican Communion*

Diocese of El Salvador (Province of Central America) Bishop Juan David Alvarado Melgar, clergy and people.

*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. With the exception of Costa Rica, all had been part of the Episcopal Church of the United States of America. The Church was introduced by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel when England administered two colonies in Central America, Belize (1783-1982) and Miskitia (1740-1894). In later years Afro-Antillean people brought their Anglican Christianity with them. The Province is multicultural and multiracial and is committed to evangelization, social outreach, and community development.*

### *Furness Deanery*

Holy Trinity, Seathwaite (Festival Church) and St John the Baptist, Ulpha, giving thanks for the support of Retired Priest Alex Stockley. Pray for the Valley Church meetings.

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## Friday 5 August

### *Oswald, King, martyr, 605-642*

*Exiled to Iona at age of ten and was educated there by the monks for eighteen years. Returned to Northumbria as king and won a battle at Hexham defeating Penda of Mercia and his ally Cadwalla of Wales. He brought missionary monks from Iona and Aidan became his bishop and his friend. Oswald often interpreted for Aidan, who was not fluent in English and gave him Holy Island as a refuge. Bede describes Oswald as “a merciful and just king” who promoted peace in the kingdom. He died in battle against Penda of Mercia, aged 38.*

#### *Anglican Communion*

Diocese of Eldoret (Province of Kenya), Bishop Christopher Ruto, 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.*

#### *Furness Deanery*

Parish of St John the Evangelist, Woodland, and for their diary of special services; for Holy Innocents, Broughton Mills.

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## Saturday 6 August

### *The Feast of the Transfiguration*

#### *Anglican Communion*

Diocese of El-Obeid, (Province of Northern, Sudan), Bishop Ismail Gabriel Abudigin, 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.*

#### *Furness Deanery*

Benefice of Coniston and Torver – Priest-in-Charge (House for Duty): Tim Harmer. Pray for Tim and June as they retire and move on; for Peter Fox (the Reader) and others responsible for continuing the mission and ministry within the parish.

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## SUNDAY 7 August

### **Trinity 11**

#### *Anglican Communion*

The Church of South India (United), Archbishop Dr Govada Dyvasirvadam Moderator of CSI & Bishop of Krishna-Godavari, 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.*

*Furness  
Deanery*

Parish of St Andrew, Coniston – Thanks for the lay ministry we have in the churches, and for links with Coniston C of E Controlled School - Head: Steve Jackson, and John Ruskin School. Pray for the redevelopment of the St Andrew's Youth Centre into affordable housing – that this will meet a local need and build bridges into the community.

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**Monday 8 August**

*Dominic, priest, founder of the Order of Preachers,  
1170-1221*

*Founder of the Order of Preachers otherwise known as the Dominicans or Black Friars. Dominic was born in Spain and became an Augustinian friar. The Dominicans started as a small band of preachers whose task was to convert the heretical Cathars. Under Simon de Montfort's military crusade the Cathars were put down and the Dominicans developed into a new Order which received official approval in 1217. The movement spread throughout Christendom. (Thomas Aquinas was a Dominican).*

*Anglican  
Communion*

Diocese of Ely (Province of Canterbury, England) Bishop Stephen David Conway and Diocese of Ely - Huntingdon (Province of Canterbury, England) Bishop David Thomson, clergy and people.  
*Diocese of Ely founded in 1109. Cambridgeshire, except for an area in the north-west (Peterborough) and three parishes in the south (Chelmsford); the western quarter of Norfolk; one parish in Bedfordshire. Population 662,000. Churches 334, parishes 308, stipendiary clergy 118.*

*Furness  
Deanery*

Parish of St Luke, Torver. Give thanks for the impact of the Bikers Breakfast, and praying for all attending the Mission Shaped Ministry course.

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**Tuesday 9 August**

*Mary Sumner founder of the Mothers' Union, 1828-  
1921*

*The "mother of the Mothers' Union". She was 57 and an Archdeacon's wife when she spoke at a Church Congress in 1885 and called for a new movement for women. Mary travelled all over England (her own children being married and independent) addressing meetings, drafting rules, leaflets and membership cards. By 1892 there were 28 diocesan branches, 1550 branches and over 60,000 members. With Mary Sumner as President and*

*Queen Victoria as patron it spread to Australia, Canada, India and later to the West Indies, Japan, S America and Africa.*

*Anglican Communion* Diocese of Embu (Province of Kenya), Bishop David Muriithi Ireri, clergy and people.  
*(For notes on Kenya see 5 August)*

*Furness Deanery* Benefice of Dalton-in-Furness and Ireleth with Askam - Vicar: Vacant. Retired Priest: Daniel Sanderson. Pray for St Mary's and St Peter's Lay Ministry Teams as they continue the ministry during the vacancy and for the parish representatives as they seek whoever God is calling to be the next Vicar.

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**Wednesday 10 August** *Laurence, deacon, martyr, 258*

*One of the seven deacons of Rome in the time of Pope Sixtus II. Laurence was responsible for the care of church property and for administering alms to the poor. Under the persecution of Valerian, the Pope and four deacons were executed. Laurence, ordered to produce an inventory of Church treasures, for the Emperor, sold sacred vessels and gave the money to the poor, telling the Prefect of Rome "These (the halt, lame, blind) are my treasures". He was executed four days after the Pope. His death on a grid iron, often represented in art, is probably a mediaeval invention. Roman executions were normally by a sword-thrust.*

*Anglican Communion* Diocese of Enugu (Province of Niger, Nigeria), Bishop Emmanuel Chukwuma, and Diocese of Enugu North (Province of Niger Delta, Nigeria), Bishop Sosthenes Eze, clergy and people.  
*(For notes on Nigeria see 1 August)*

*Furness Deanery* Parish of St Mary, Dalton-in-Furness. Dalton C of E Voluntary Aided School – Head: Sue McWilliams.

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**Thursday 11 August** *Clare of Assisi, founder of the Poor Clares, 1253*

*Clare of Assisi was born into a wealthy family who wanted her to make a dynastic marriage. When she left home in 1212 to start a woman's branch of the Franciscan Order they tried to take her from the nunnery where Francis and his friars had placed her. But her widowed mother, two of her sisters, an aunt and several other women from noble families, formed a small community at San Damiano where Clare was appointed abbess. The pope tried to impose the Benedictine Rule on the nuns but Clare insisted that they, like the friars, must be free to live in poverty and minister to the poor. It was not until 1253 that Pope Innocent III accepted her suggested Rule. They became the first unenclosed Order for women.*

*Anglican Communion* Diocese of Esan (Province of Bendel, Nigeria) Archbishop Friday Imaekhai, clergy and people.  
(For notes on Nigeria see 1 August)

*Furness Deanery* Parish of St Peter, Ireleth with Askam. Pray for this small congregation, facing difficulties. Ireleth C of E Voluntary Aided School – Head: Janine Pierce.

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## Friday 12 August

*Anglican Communion* Diocese of Etche (Province of Niger Delta, Nigeria) Bishop Precious Nwala, clergy and people.  
(For notes on Nigeria see 1 August)

*Furness Deanery* Benefice of St. Mary the Virgin, Egton-cum-Newland, St. Luke’s, Lowick with Blawith, and Holy Trinity, Colton. Vicar: Brian Streeter & Anne. Retired Clergy: Revd. David Bickersteth, Revd. David Gregg & Revd. Joanna Henson. Reader: Pam Priestley. Pastoral Assistants: Barbara Watson & Donald Wroe.  
Continued guidance for the PCCs, God For All team, and the formation of a mission community, and progressing their Vision & Strategy.

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**Saturday 13 August** *Jeremy Taylor, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1613-1667*  
*Jeremy Taylor, Author of “Holy Living and Holy Dying” and a High Churchman who attracted the attention of Archbishop Laud and became Chaplain to Charles I. After the Civil War he retired to remote livings, first in Wales and later, during the Cromwellian period, in Northern Ireland. Charles II made him Bishop of Down and Connor but the appointment was not a happy one because the RC community treated him as a Protestant whilst the Presbyterians objected to his Romish tendencies. He spent the last years of his life in acute controversy with his chief achievement the rebuilding of the cathedral at Dromore in County Down. Jeremy Taylor was a prolific writer combining theological scholarship with a depth of religious experience in his devotional works.*

*Anglican Communion* Diocese of Etsako, (Province of Bendel, Nigeria) Bishop Jacob Bada, clergy and people.  
(For notes on Nigeria see 1 August)

*Furness Deanery* Penny Bridge CoE Academy, Head teacher: Lynn Smolinski. Pray for a strong working relationship with the Penny Bridge CoE Academy and the start of Godly Play.

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## SUNDAY 14 August

## Trinity 12

*Anglican Communion* The Anglican Church of Southern Africa, Archbishop Dr Thabo Makgoba of Capetown and Primate of Southern Africa, 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.*

*Furness Deanery*

Parishes of Holy Trinity, Colton (Churchwarden: John Tarr), and St Luke, Lowick with Blawith (Churchwarden: Simon Wood).  
Give thanks for the continued faithfulness of the regular congregation members.  
Pray for effective ministry to, and engagement with, the local community.  
Pray for the benefice re-ordering of worship.

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## Monday 15 August

*Anglican Communion* Diocese of Etsako (Province of Bendel, Nigeria), Bishop Jacob Bada, and Diocese of Evo (Province of Niger Delta, Nigeria), Bishop Innocent Ordu, clergy and people.  
*(For notes on Nigeria see 1 August)*

*Furness Deanery*

Benefice of Kirkby Ireleth, St Cuthbert; Priest in Charge: Vacant.  
Reader: Linda Dean. Pray for the growing involvement of the laity and all who contribute to our Christian life together. For Burlington C of E Primary School: Headteacher Sarah Powell, Chair of Governors Chris Dean. For Burlington Slate Company and all who work there.

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## Tuesday 16 August

*Anglican Communion* Diocese of Exeter (Province of Canterbury, England) Bishop Robert Atwell; Diocese of Exeter, Crediton, (Province of Canterbury, England) Bishop Sarah Mullally; Diocese of Exeter, Plymouth (Province of Canterbury, England), Bishop Nick McKinnel, clergy and people.



*The Diocese was founded at Crediton in 909 but transferred to Exeter in 1050. The Diocese coincides almost exactly with the county borders of Devon. The population is 1,063,000, with 620 churches, 504 parishes and 259 stipendiary clergy.*

*Furness  
Deanery*

Low Furness Group Ministry – Benefice of Aldingham and Dendron and Rampside and Urswick (ADRU). Priest in Charge: Alex Armstrong. Pray for The Low Furness Mission Community as it comes together, Mission preparations with TFM, for growing co-operation between all the churches in Low Furness, and effective outreach to the communities we serve.

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### **Wednesday 17 August**

*Anglican  
Communion*

Diocese of Ezo, (Province of Minye, Sudan), Bishop John Kereboro Zawo, 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.*

*Furness  
Deanery*

Low Furness Group Ministry - those training for LLM, those investigating a calling to different forms of ministry; the lay and ordained, paid and unpaid, retired and young, in the ministry Team.

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### **Thursday 18 August**

*Anglican  
Communion*

Diocese of Faisalabad (Province of Pakistan), Bishop John Samuel, clergy and people.

*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..*

*Furness  
Deanery*

Parishes of St Matthew, Dendron, St Cuthbert, Aldingham and St Michael, Rampside. The people, Villages and Hamlets we serve, our Social Responsibility outreach, and partnership building

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### **Friday 19 August**

*Anglican  
Communion*

Diocese of False Bay - (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Margaret Brenda Vertue, clergy and people.

(For notes on Southern Africa see 14 August)

*Furness Deanery* Parish of St Mary the Virgin and St Michael, Urswick. Low Furness C of E Controlled School – Head: Margaret Longstaffe. Give thanks for the Low Furness School Family and its community and Church links, the Holiday Club and Family Fun Day.

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**Saturday 20 August**                      *Bernard, abbot, teacher of the faith, 1090-1153*  
*The son of a Crusader, at age of 22 entered the monastery at Citeaux with 39 companions including his brothers and friends. Later, became abbot of a new foundation, Clairvaux, introducing a new and austere rule, which was adapted by many other monasteries reacting to the more lax Benedictine houses in France. Bernard rose to great power and influence. He attacked the monks of Cluny for their worldliness, opposed the teaching of Peter Abelard, preached two Crusades and undertook a mission against the Cathars. He used remarkable invective against his opponents but also preached the faith with such gentleness that he was known as “the honey doctor”. At his death there were more than four hundred Cistercian monasteries in Europe.*

*Anglican Communion*                      Suffragan Bishop for Federal Ministries (Province of The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd James Magness, 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.*

*Furness Deanery*                      Low Furness Group Ministry – Benefice of Pennington and Lindal with Marton and Bardsea. Priest-in-Charge: Gary Tubbs, Reader: Olive Copson.

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**SUNDAY 21 August**                      **Trinity 13**

*Anglican Communion*                      The Anglican Church of South America, The Most Revd Hector Zavala Muñoz, Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of South America & Bishop of Chile, clergy and people.  
*British immigrants brought Anglicanism to South America during the nineteenth century. The South American Missionary Society continues to work among indigenous peoples. 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.*

*Furness  
Deanery*

Parish of St Michael and the Holy Angels, Pennington. Pennington C of E Controlled School – Head: Vacant. Pray for continuing good links with the school

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## **Monday 22 August**

*Anglican  
Communion*

Diocese of Fianarantsoa - (Province of the Indian Ocean) The Rt Revd Gilbert Ratelason Rakotondravelo, clergy and people.

*The Province of the Indian Ocean includes 3 countries: Madagascar, Mauritius and Seychelles. Total population is 14½ million of which 120,000 are Anglicans, in 7 Dioceses, 86 parishes and 114 clergy. French is the official language of the Province.*

*Furness  
Deanery*

Parishes of St Peter, Lindal, and Holy Trinity, Bardsea. Pray for Lindal and Marton Primary School – Head: Mrs Phelps

## **Tuesday 23 August**

*Anglican  
Communion*

Diocese of Florida (Province of The Episcopal Church), Bishop John Howard and Assisting Bishop of Florida Bishop Charles Keyser, clergy and people

*(For notes on The Episcopal Church see 20 August)*

*Furness  
Deanery*

Benefice of Millom with Thwaites and Haverigg (Holy Trinity, Millom; St George's, Millom; St Luke's, Haverigg; St Anne's, Thwaites) – Priest in Charge: Clive Shaw. Assistant Curate: Carl Carter. Retired Clergy: David Dixon, Fred Roeschlaub, Brian Findlay. Give thanks for the success of 'All Together' – worship & food at St George's on the first Sunday of the month; please pray for our outreach to families through christening services; for building projects: new heating for St George's, re-ordering in Holy Trinity, and the addition of a toilet at St Luke's. Please also pray for the NHS in this isolated area, for the development of Millom Hospital to provide more services locally and for improved GP provision.

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## **Wednesday 24 August**

### ***St Bartholomew***

*Bartholomew was born at Cana of Galilee and is listed among the Twelve Apostles of*

*Jesus in the three gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and also appears as one of the witnesses of the Ascension*

*Anglican Communion* Diocese of Fond du Lac - (V, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Matthew Alan Gunter, clergy and people.  
*(For notes on The Episcopal Church see 20 August)*

*Furness Deanery* Parish of Millom: Holy Trinity, St George and St Luke. Please pray for our schools and for the strengthening of links - Millom School (Head: Matt Savidge); Black Combe Junior School (Head: Helen Webber); Millom Infants School (new Head starting in September); Haverigg Primary School (Head: Melanie Narongchai) - and Millom Children's Centre.

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### **Thursday 25 August**

*Anglican Communion* Diocese of Fort Worth (Province of The Episcopal Church), Bishop Rayford High, clergy and people.  
*(For notes on The Episcopal Church see 20 August)*

*Furness Deanery* Parish of St Anne, Thwaites. Please pray for guidance for the future of the church building; for more opportunities to work with Thwaites School (Head: Jane Patton); for 'Thwaites Youth', meeting monthly and led by church and community volunteers.

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### **Friday 26 August**

*Anglican Communion* Diocese of Fredericton - (Province of Canada) The Rt Revd David Edwards, 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.*

*Furness Deanery* Parish of Ulverston: St Mary with Holy Trinity, Ulverston and St John, Osmotherley (daughter church). Rector: Alan Bing, Curate: Matt Keddilty; Deanery Youth Minister: Victoria Sekasi, Children and Families Worker: Emily Mitchell, Readers: Steve Parkinson, Marilyn

Fell, Janice Eadington and Eric Barker. Local Lay Minister: Chris Taylor. Retired Clergy: George Sharpe and Brian Jones. Associate Minister: Peter Taylor. Pray for us as we look for new and better ways to serve the needs of our community, to provide 'stepping stones' to faith for those to whom we minister, and as we seek God's guidance for the future use of our buildings.

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## **Saturday 27 August**

*Anglican Communion* Diocese of Freetown (Province of Sierra Leone, West Africa), Bishop Thomas Arnold Ikunika Wilson, clergy and people.  
*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.*

*Furness Deanery* Parish of Ulverston: Give thanks that Ulverston C of E Voluntary Aided School (Head: Susan Davies) is transitioning successfully from an Infant to a Primary School. Give thanks for good links with the other primary schools of the town and with Ulverston Victoria High School (Head: Denis Fay). Pray also for St Mary's Hospice (Chaplain: Peter Taylor), Gill Rise Hospital, and for local employers such as GSK and Siemens, giving thanks for new investment at GSK.

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## **SUNDAY 28 August                      Trinity 14**

*Anglican Communion* Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan & Sudan The Most Revd Dr Daniel Deng Bul Yak Archbishop of the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan & Sudan & Bishop of Juba, 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.*

*Furness Deanery* HMP Prison, Haverigg: Chaplain: Vacant. Pray for Prison Fellowship and the Sycamore Trust (on victim awareness); for ex-offenders, as they find their way back into society; for new disciples.

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## **Monday 29 August**

## ***The Beheading of John the Baptist***

*John has two festivals, his birth is commemorated on 24 June and his death today (see Mark 6.14-29). He is often represented in paintings and stained glass as shaggy and unkempt. (See Matthew 3).*

**Anglican Communion** Diocese of Gahini (Province of Rwanda), Bishop Alexis Bilindabagabo, 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 7,000,000 of whom 5,600,000 are Christians and just over 1,000,000 are Anglicans. There are 197 parishes and 300 clergy.*

**Furness Deanery** Pray for the ministry of the churches to the needy of our area, through the Foodbank and in other ways, and for possible local branches of the Barrow Credit Union.

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## **Tuesday 30 August**

### ***John Bunyan, spiritual writer 1628-1688***

*A Bedfordshire tinker who mended pots, pans and farm implements. His only reading matter was probably the Bible. After his dramatic conversion he joined the Bedford Meeting of Dissenters and after the Restoration (of Charles II) was arrested as “a dangerous and notorious Dissenter”. He refused to give up preaching and was sent to the county gaol where he remained from 1660-1672. During this period he wrote “Grace Abounding” (auto biographical) and part of “Pilgrim’s Progress”. This allegory of Christian’s journey through life, written in the English of the Authorised Version of the Bible, has become a classic of religious writing.*

**Anglican Communion** Diocese of Gambia (Province of West Africa) The Rt Revd James Allen Yaw Odico, clergy and people.  
*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.*

**Furness Deanery** Pray for John Woodcock, MP for Barrow and Furness, and for all local mayors and councillors as they serve the towns and communities of the Furness area.

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## **Wednesday 31 August**

### ***St Aidan, bishop, missionary 651***

*Was a monk of Iona, sent to Northumbria by King Oswald who had been an exile on Iona and there taught by Celtic monks. Aidan and Oswald were friends and together worked to evangelise and Oswald gave the Island of Lindisfarne as a place of prayer. Aidan founded churches, monasteries and schools. Lindisfarne was sacked by Vikings in 793*

*and no visible signs of Aidan's work remains but visitors still find it to be a holy place.*

*Anglican* Diocese of Gboko (Province of Abuja, Nigeria) Bishop Emmanuel  
*Communion* Nyitsse, clergy and people.  
*(For notes on Nigeria see 1 August)*

*Furness* Pray that God will raise up leaders, evangelists and lay ministers to  
*Deanery* enable the churches of Furness Deanery to grow and flourish, to work  
together creatively, and to transform their communities.

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