

Carlisle Diocese Prayer Diary

February 2018



'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 Penrith Deanery



God for All: By 2020 every person in Cumbria of all ages and backgrounds will have had an opportunity to discover more of God and God's purpose for their life
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Thursday 1 February

*Anglican
Communion*

Diocese of Argyll and The Isles, the Province of the Scottish Episcopal Church, The Rt Revd Kevin Pearson, clergy and people.

The Diocese is part of the Scottish Episcopal Church and is one of seven Dioceses with around 320 parishes and about 420 clergy.

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For the Holy Spirit to guide those responsible for working though the appointment process for 3 posts in the Deanery and ecumenical area.

Friday 2 February

The Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)

Candlemas: observed in February, the Emperor Justinian, in 542 ordered its observance as a thanksgiving for the cessation of plague and, in the E. it was called 'The Meeting' - Christ with Simeon. Later, it came to be widely kept with the blessing of candles. It is now the distinctive feature, commemorating the entrance of Christ, the 'True Light' (John 1.9) into the Temple.

*Anglican
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Arizona, in the Province of the Episcopal Church VIII, The Revd Kirk Smith, clergy and people. Arkansas, in the Province of the Episcopal Church VII, The Revd Larry Benfield, 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, with over 20 overseas jurisdictions.

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Pray that the churches and chapels may shine as lights in our communities' ministry.

Friday 3 February

St Anskar, archbishop, missionary, 865

Born in Amiens, became a monk and went on missions to Denmark and Sweden but with limited success. In 832 became Bishop of Hamburg but when that city was over-run by Vikings from Norway Anskar was appointed Archbishop of Bremen with responsibility for missions to all three Scandinavian countries. He is the patron of Denmark.

Anglican Diocese of Armidale, new South Wales Australia The Rt Revd
Communion Richard Lewers, clergy and people.

The province of the Anglican church of Australia established after the church first came to Australia in 1788 with the First Fleet, made up primarily of convicts and military personnel then 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 and 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.

Penrith
Deanery The preparations for the *Moving Mountains Mission*, especially the Christening Party for families with recent baptisms.

SUNDAY 4 February

Second Sunday before Lent

Anglican The Anglican Church of Burundi, The Most Revd Martin
Communion Nyaboho, Archbishop of Burundi and Bishop of Makamba,
clergy and people.

The Church of the Province of Burundi had its first bishop in 1965. In 1985 the President expelled expatriate missionaries, imprisoned many church leaders and re-possessed much church property. Recent government has changed this policy and it became an independent Province in 1992. Anglicans are in a minority in a predominantly Roman Catholic nation. There are 5 Dioceses, 170 priest and 150 parishes the Province of West Africa includes Cameroon, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone and The Gambia.

Penrith Deanery For Churches Together in Penrith; with thanks for good relationships.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Mission Community Commissioning for Grasmoor MC.
Bishop Robert, Service Crossthwaite Keswick.

God for All: Pray for all those who are planning events that seek to connect with children and families during Moving Mountains, that they would build lasting relationships. Pray for all the schools that will be visited during Moving Mountains, that there will be ongoing opportunities to build on what happened during those times. Pray for those who you are planning on inviting to an event during Moving Mountains – that there would be a natural opportunity to do so.

Vocations: We pray for those training to be Readers or Distinctive Deacon or Priest. 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.

Monday 5 February

Anglican Communion The Diocese of Arochukwu, Ohafia in Aba, Province of Nigeria
The Rt Revd Johnson Onuoha, its clergy and people.

Prior to 1990 the northern two thirds of Nigeria was largely blocked, until eight new bishops were consecrated. This It is the second largest province in the Anglican Communion. Since 2002 the Church of Nigeria is organised in 10 ecclesiastical provinces including the Niger Delta.

Penrith Deanery For the continued flourishing and growth of Greystoke Messy Church. For Revd Bill White and the communities of Greystoke, Penruddock, Mungrisdale and Matterdale.

Our Bishops Bishop James & Bishop Robert, Bishops House Keswick

Tuesday 6 February

The Accession

Anglican Communion The Diocese of Aru, Congo, The Rt Revd Georges Titre Ande, clergy and people.

Post 1965 Uganda became an independent province, leaving the rest of the region as the 'Province of Rwanda, Burundi, and Zaire'.^[2] In 1992 the three countries of the united Province each gained independence under their own individual Metropolitan Archbishop. In 1997, to reflect the change in name of the nation, the church became known as the Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo. The Anglican Church of Congo has currently twelve dioceses.

Penrith Deanery For Fr. Jerome Ainsworth and community at St Catherine's RC Church in Penrith as Fr Jerome approaches retirement. For Fr. Winstanley who will join us in the spring.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Meetings, London
Bishop Robert, Meetings, Carlisle Archdeaconry

Wednesday 7 February

Anglican Communion The Diocese of Asaba, Bendel Nigeria, The Rt Revd Justus Moge kwu, its clergy and people.

(For notes on the Anglican Church in Nigeria, please see 5 February)

Penrith Deanery For Patterdale LEP. Rev Terry Wilcock retires his year. Pray especially for Patterdale School and ongoing engagement in Messy Church from school and wider community.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Meetings, London.
Bishop Robert, visit to St Joseph's House of Prayer.

Thursday 8 February

Anglican Communion The Diocese of Asante-Mampong, Ghana, West Africa, The Rt Revd Cyril Ben-Smith, 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, approximately 1 million are Anglicans with 600 parishes and in excess of 400 clergy).

Penrith Deanery For the work of Penrith Debt Centre; managed by Jon Cook; for many families caught in debt. Give thanks for those finding hope. Pray for provision of admin support for Jon.

Our Bishops Bishop James, General Synod, London.

Friday 9 February

Anglican Communion The Diocese of Athabasca, Rupert's Land in the Province of Canada, The Rt Revd Fraser Lawton, clergy and people.

The Province of 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. Canada's population is 31 million of which 22 million are Christians with 2 million Anglicans in 34 Dioceses.

Penrith Deanery Give thanks for the *Penrith Tea Service* at Christ Church Penrith; a weekly Friday afternoon service and fellowship, especially for those who are isolated or living with dementia in the family.

Our Bishops Bishop James, General Synod, London

Saturday 10 February

St Scholastica

Scholastica was born of wealthy parents and according to Gregory, the Great's Dialogues, was dedicated to God from a young age. She and her brother Benedict were brought up together until the time he left to pursue studies in Rome. Benedictine tradition holds that Scholastica lived in a convent at Plumbariola near Monte Cassino and that this was the first "Benedictine" convent. However, it is more likely that she lived in a hermitage with one or two other religious women at the base of Mount Cassino. Scholastica is the foundress of the women's branch of Benedictine Monasticism. She is the patron saint of nuns, and convulsive children, and is invoked against storms and rain. She sacrificed many opportunities for her and her brother, so they could get closer to God.

Anglican Communion Atlanta, The Episcopal Church, The Revd Robert C Wright, clergy and people.

Penrith Deanery For the work of The Salvation Army; for Cpts. Alan & Carole Donaldson; give thanks for social commitment and making a real difference.

Our Bishops Bishop James, General Synod, London.

SUNDAY 11 February

Sunday before Lent

Anglican Communion The Anglican Church of Canada, the Most Revd Frederick Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada.

(For notes on the Episcopal Church see 9 February)

Penrith Deanery For the work of the Penrith OpShop. The manager Kate Clement; for a growing sense of community building through the shop.

God for All: Give thanks for the growth of Fresh Expressions: as people hear about the different things happening across the county we pray that more people would be encouraged to have the confidence to give something new a try.

Monday 12 February

Anglican Communion Diocese of Attooch, Upper Nile region of the South Sudan.
The Most Revd Moses Anur, clergy and people.

The Diocese is part of the Province of the Episcopal Church of The Sudan. Out of a total population of in excess of 30 million there are five million Anglicans and almost three thousand Anglican clergy.

Penrith Deanery For the Inglewood Group of churches. Revd Philip Dorling; for our *Moving Mountains* plans to be a blessing to this area. Especially for the local leaders +Chris Edmondson and Richard Hall.

Tuesday 13 February

Anglican Communion Diocese of Aukland, Aotearo, New Zealand the Rt Revd Ross Bay and the Rt Revd James White, clergy and people.

The Province of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, formerly known as the Church of the Province of New Zealand. The Church covers the countries of New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga, Samoa and the Cook Islands and was established as an autonomous Church in 1857.

Penrith Deanery Pray for our smaller church communities who are anxious about their future. Give thanks for the dedicated few. Pray for wisdom.

Wednesday 14 February

Ash Wednesday

Anglican Communion Diocese of Aweil, the Diocese of Bahr El Ghaza in the Province of South Sudan, The Rt Revd Abraham Yel Nhial, The Rt Revd Michael Deng and The Rt Revd David Akau Kuol. The clergy and people.

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Penrith Deanery That the journey through Lent across our Deanery may be one of honest reflection on the realities we face and deep renewal in resurrection hope!

Our Bishops Bishop James, Mental Health: Round Table, London.

Thursday 15 February

Anglican Communion Diocese of Awgu, Nigeria The Rt Revd Emmanuel Ugwu. The clergy and people.

(For notes on the Anglican Church in Nigeria, please see 5 February).

Penrith Deanery Giving thanks for our PCC office bearers and for the care and dedication they bring to our churches.

Tuesday 16 February

Anglican Communion The Diocese of Awka in Niger, the Church of Nigeria, The Rt Revd Alexander Ibezim, clergy and people.
The Diocese of Awori in Lagos, the Church of Nigeria, The Rt Revd J Akin Atere, clergy and people.

(For notes on the Anglican Church of Nigeria, please see 5 February.)

Penrith Deanery Armathwaite, Heskett, Ivegill and Calthwaite schools in the Inglewood Group. For those involved as staff, governors and for strong church links into school life.

Saturday 17 February

Archbishop Janani Luwum

From Northern Uganda, educated and trained for the Anglican ministry by CMS. His appointment as Archbishop of Uganda in 1974 was widely welcomed in his own country and within the Anglican Communion. But Idi Amin, the military dictator of Uganda believed that Ugandan Christians were in league with Zionists whom he regarded as his enemies. In August 1976 the Archbishop wrote to President Amin about the breakdown of law and order and in February 1977 the Archbishop was driven to a meeting with the president and never seen again. The Archbishop is represented on the martyrs' statue on the west front of Westminster Abbey. In 1978, forces from Tanzania invaded Uganda and drove Idi Amin from power.

Anglican Communion The Diocese of Badagry, Lagos Province of Nigeria the Rt Revd Joseph Adeyemi.

(For notes on the Anglican Church of Nigeria, please see 5 February.)

Penrith Deanery For the United Reformed Church in Penrith and the congregation it serves. Give thanks for the ministry of Revd Nick Mark and the Elders at the URC.

SUNDAY 18 February

Lent 1

Anglican Communion The Church of the Province of Central Africa, The Most Revd Albert Chama Archbishop of Central Africa and Bishop of Northern Zambia, clergy and people.

The Province of Central Africa 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 experienced problems of social adjustment after independence. The Province has 15 Dioceses for a total population of about 15 million Christians of which, Anglicans number 600,000. There are approximately 250 parishes.

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Give thanks for the ministry of retired colleagues from the different church traditions. Pray for the ongoing growth in cooperation for developing effective youth ministry; pray especially for Carl Mimmack (Ignite Penrith) and Paul Rose (Penrith Methodist Church).

Our Bishops

Bishop Robert, Confirmation Service, St Aidan's Carlisle

God for All: Pray for FXs that are very relational, especially where they happen monthly, that the people would be able access to groups regardless of the weather, so real relationships can be grown, particularly the 20 new FXs that started last year and the two that have already launched last month.

Monday 19 February

*Anglican
Communion*

The Diocese of Ballarat, Victoria in the Province of the Australia, The Rt Revd Garry Weatherill, its clergy and people.

(For notes on the Anglican Church in Australia, see 3 February.)

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Pray for Rev David Wood as he prepares for retirement later this year; for the parishes of Pooley Bridge, Barton, Martindale & Watermillock as to the future.

Tuesday 20 February

Anglican Communion Diocese of Bangor, the Church in Wales, the Revd Andrew John, clergy and people.

The Church in Wales has been an independent province since its disestablishment and separation from the Church of England in 1920. It is practically coterminous with Wales and is the largest denomination in the country. With a total population of in excess of 3 million, the province has 6 Dioceses with approximately 570 parishes.

Penrith Deanery Pray for St Andrew's Church, Penrith and its town centre ministry. Give thanks for recent completion of significant fabric work.

Our Bishops Bishop Robert, meetings Church House.

Wednesday 21 February

Anglican Communion The Diocese of Banks and Torres, in the Church of Melanesia, the Rt Revd Alfred Patterson Worek, clergy and people.

The Province of Melanesia was established after 118 years of missionary association with the Church of the Province of New Zealand, the Church of the Province of Melanesia was formed in 1975. The Province encompasses the Republic of Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, and the French Trust Territory of New Caledonia, both sovereign island nations in the South Pacific. There are 8 Anglican Dioceses.

Penrith Deanery Pray for Canon Stephen Pye (C of E) and Rev Les Wallace (Methodist); give thanks for joint leadership of the East Eden Mission Community and for growing cooperation and good relationships to flourish.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Bishop's Council, Rydal Hall.
Bishop Robert, Bishops Group meetings in West Yorkshire and
Bishop's Council Rydal Hall.

Thursday 22 February

*Anglican
Communion* The Diocese of Bari, the Kuduna, Nigeria, The Rt Revd Idris
Zubairu, the clergy and people.

(For notes on the Anglican Church of Nigeria, please see 5 February)

*Penrith
Deanery* Pray for the Penrith Filling Station and Mr Andrew Gardner in
his role of leading this ecumenical ministry of renewal and
refreshment.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Partners in World Mission, Visit to Zululand.

Friday 23 February

St Polycarp

Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, learned directly from John the Evangelist. He became bishop in about 107 and was noted for his defence of the Christian faith against the Gnostics. He was much given to peace and reconciliation and travelled to Rome to try to heal the breach between the Eastern and Western churches. He died in one of the riots stirred up by Roman governors against Christians, having first refused to sacrifice to the Roman gods for which refusal he was killed by a sword-thrust.

*Anglican
Communion* The Diocese of Barisal, in Bangladesh, The Rt Revd Shourabh
Pholia, clergy and people.

*Penrith
Deanery* Pray for the *Moving Mountains Mission* – for people to know
who to invite and to have courage to do so.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Partners in World Mission, Zululand

Saturday 24 February

Anglican Communion Diocese of Barrackpore in the province of North India, The Rt Revd Brojen Malakar, 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 with 27 Diocese.

Penrith Deanery Pray for our farming community, for all who feel isolated in their work.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Partners in World Mission, Zululand.

SUNDAY 25 February

Lent 2

Anglican Communion The Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America, the Most Revd Sturdie Downs, Primate of IARCA & Bishop of Nicaragua, the 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). The Province is committed to evangelization, social outreach, and community development.

Penrith Deanery Pray for our farming community, for all who support local farmers and all who work on the land.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Partners in World Mission, Zululand

God for All: Pray for the Archbishop of York, as he visits a number of different places across the county during Moving Mountains, that people would be drawn to discover more of God's love for them as a result of what they hear him say.

Monday 26 February

Anglican Communion The Diocese of Bath and Wells, in the Province of Canterbury England, The Revd Peter Hancock, clergy and people.

The Diocese was founded in 909 comprising; Somerset, North Somerset; Bath; North-east Somerset and some parishes in Dorset. The Province is one of two, covering all of England, including the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands. The Church is the ancient national Church of the land and its structures emerged from the missionary work of St Augustine, sent from Rome in 597, and from the work of Celtic missionaries in the north.

Penrith Deanery Pray for the parish of St Andrew's Dacre during the current interregnum; for the Spirit's guidance in the appointment of a Mission Community Leader and ongoing discernment for emerging mission community structures.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Partners in World Mission, Zululand

Tuesday 27 February *George Herbert*

Anglican Communion Diocese of Bathurst, Province of New South Wales, Australia, The Rt Revd Ian Palmer, clergy and people.

(For notes on the Anglican Church in Australia, see 3 February)

Penrith For those preparing to be married in our churches and

Deanery chapels in the coming year; that our ministry will help them to build strong foundations for married life.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Partners in World Mission, Zululand.

Wednesday 28 February

Anglican Communion Bauchi, Jos in the province of Nigeria The Revd. Musa Tula, clergy and people.

(For notes on the Anglican Church of Nigeria, please see 5 February).

Penrith Deanery For the Penrith Hospital, Ambulance & Fire Service, Police HQ and Mountain Rescue Team. Give thanks for their work and pray for wise management and effective resourcing.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Partners in World Mission, Zululand

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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

