

Carlisle Diocese Prayer Diary

March 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 the Carlisle Deanery
and Moving Mountains.**



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Thursday 1 March

St David of Wales

A Welsh bishop of Mynyw (St Davids) during the 6th century; he was later regarded as a saint. He is the patron saint of Wales. David was a native of Wales, and a relatively large amount of information is known about his life. However, his birth date is uncertain: suggestions range from 462 to 51, his death is believed to have been around 569 AD. He is traditionally believed to be the son of St Non and the grandson of Geredig ap Cunedda, the King of Ceredigion. He became renowned as a teacher and preacher, founding monastic settlements and churches in Wales. St David's Cathedral stands on the site of the monastery he founded in the Glyn Rhosyn valley of Pembrokeshire. Around 550, he attended the Synod of Brefi here his eloquence caused his fellow monks to elect him primate of the region. As such, he presided over the synod of Carleon.

Anglican Communion Diocese of Belize, the West Indies, The Rt Revd Philip Wright, clergy and people.

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 personnel for an indigenous ministry. The island locations and scattered settlements make pastoral care difficult.

Carlisle Deanery

Pray for Congregations at Carlisle Cathedral, Dean: Mark Boyling, Canon Warden: Jan Kearton, Canon Missioner: Michael Manley. Lay Canons: Alex Barbour, James Westoll, Bryan Gray. Surveyor: Nick Rank. Pray for our demanding projects: The Fraternity, Site Development, and, for our vision; to proclaim the good news to City, County and Nation. Pray for growth in our finances to allow us to support more events.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Partners in World Mission, Zululand.
Bishop Robert, Meetings, Church House.

Friday 2 March

St Chad

St Chad, Bishop and missionary was a Lindisfarne monk who succeeded his brother Cedd as Abbot of Lastingham. King Oswin of Northumbria invited Chad to become a

Bishop, taking the place of Wilfrid, who had gone to Gaul to be consecrated. Chad was consecrated in Winchester. However, Wilfrid eventually returned and alleged that Chad's consecration was invalid. The newly appointed Archbishop of Canterbury, Theodore, installed Wilfrid as the bishop of a reduced diocese of Northumbria and established Chad as the Bishop of Mercia. There Chad founded monasteries and churches in what became the Diocese of Lichfield.

Anglican Communion Diocese of Bendigo, Victoria Australia, The Rt Revd Matt Brain, 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 and 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. Links with Churches of New Guinea, Melanesia and Polynesia are strong especially through the Australian Board of Mission. There is as population of around 18 million, with 4 million Anglican and around 3,300 parishes.

Carlisle Deanery Pray for: Our Deanery Officers: RD: Nigel Beer, Lay-chair: Rob Cook, and, for vacancies for Assistant RD, Secretary and Treasurer to be filled. For the standing committee and all members of synod. The Deanery Chapter; Clerk: Tudor Boddam-Whetham. Pray for all our retired clergy who give vital support.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Partners in World Mission, Zululand.
Bishop Robert, Bishops' Meetings, Kendal.

Saturday 3 March

Anglican Communion *Diocese of Benin, Bendel, Nigeria The Rt Revd Peter Imasuen.*

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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Pray for the Cathedral Offices: Bursar and Chapter Clerk : Ian Burns, staff: Anna Howard, Wendy Murrell, Karen Natrass, Ruth Shingler, Judy Ward, Christine Waugh. Pray for the Works Department; Vic Green, Ian Ellison. Vergers: James Armstrong, John Wilkinson, Jenny Alexander, John Cheal. And, for The Cathedral's faithful army of volunteers: from newcomers to caterers.

Our Bishops

Bishop James, Partners in World Mission, Zululand.

SUNDAY 4 March

Lent 3

*Anglican
Communion*

Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo, The Most Revd Zacharie Masimango Katanda, Archbishop of the Congu & Bishop of Kindu, the clergy and people.

Following Uganda becoming an independent Province, and the united Province of Rwanda, Burundi, and Zaire, 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.

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Pray for the Cathedral Music Dept and choirs; Jeremy Suter, Ed Taylor, Max Smith & Veronica Stockdale. The families of our children, youth choir and Cantate Community Choir. For our outreach programme into schools. The development of our PLUS eucharists and engagement with different ages and expectations.

Our Bishops Bishop Robert, event at Rydal Hall.

Vocations: We pray for those being called to be pioneer ministers and all exploring new ways of being church. We pray for all those who may recognise a vocation through Moving Mountains. We pray for the Vocations Advisers in the Carlisle deanery.

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 Messy Churches - today for 'Messy Together at Levens', and at Braithwaite.

Monday 5 March

Anglican Communion Diocese of Bethlehem, The Episcopal Church, The Rt Revd Sean Rowe, clergy and people.

The Diocese of Bethlehem covers fourteen counties in Pennsylvania to the north and west of Philadelphia. Anglicanism was brought to the New World by explorers and colonists with the first celebration of the Holy Eucharist in Jamestown, Virginia, in 1607. In 1784, the Scottish Episcopal Church consecrated the first American Bishop. The Church has 9 Provinces, 98 Dioceses, and 20 overseas jurisdictions.

Carlisle Deanery Pray for Secondary Schools: Richard Rose Central, Newman School, Richard Rose Morton, Caldew School and Trinity School. And, for all Christian teachers and RE departments. For NISCU and all who proclaim the love of Jesus into schools. Pray for the Chaplain at Trinity School, Revd Caroline Kennedy.

Our Bishops Bishop Robert, Meetings Kendal.

Tuesday 6 March

Anglican Diocese of Bhopal, The North India, The Rt Revd Robert Ali,

Communion 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.

Carlisle Deanery Pray for the Deanery Network Youth Church: Kristian Tjemsland and team. For Revd Nigel Beer and the other members of the steering group and for growth in the new vision. Pray for all young people especially those involved in the projects.

Our Bishops Bishop Robert, Meetings Church House.

Wednesday 7 March

Anglican Communion Diocese of Abuja, Nigeria, The Rt Revd Jonah Kolo, clergy and people.
(For notes on the Anglican Church in Nigeria, see 3 March.)

Carlisle Deanery Pray for 'Carlisle HOPE' and for the churches which work across the city in mission and the sharing of faith.

Our Bishops Bishop Robert, Meetings, Penrith.

Thursday 8 March

Moving Mountains - 8 March to 11 March

Anglican Communion Diocese of Birmingham, The Rt Revd David Andrew Urquhart, Diocese of Birmingham, Aston, The Rt Revd Anne Elizabeth Hollinghurst, both in the Province of Canterbury. The clergy and people.
Diocese of Blackburn, The Rt Revd Julian Tudor Henderson, Diocese of Blackburn, Burnley, The Rt Revd Philip North and

the Diocese of Blackburn, Lancaster, all in the Province of York. The clergy and people.

The Birmingham Diocese are both part of the Province of Canterbury, one of two in England, covering the southern half of England. The Blackburn Diocese are all part of the Province of York, covering northern England, including the Isle of Man.

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Pray for courage to find effective ways of mission and outreach to the people around us and for the Moving Mountains Mission Weekend and all the events in and around the Deanery. Pray for people to make connection and discover something of the love of Jesus.

Our Bishops

Bishop James and Bishop Robert, attending various Moving Mountains Events from 8 March to 11 March.

God for All: Pray for the launch event at Penrith Auction Mart and for the teams visiting Cumbria.

Friday 9 March

Moving Mountains

*Anglican
Communion*

Bo, Sierra Leone in West Africa, The Revd Emmanuel Tucker, clergy and people.

The Church in Church of the Province of West Africa includes Cameroon, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone and The Gambia. Total population is in excess of 45 million, there are approximately 1 million Anglicans with around 600 parishes and 450 clergy.

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Pray for the congregations of Caldbeck, Castle Sowerby and Sebergham. For the Revd Eileen Reid, Geoff Hine (Reader) and for all the clergy, wardens and officers in this time of vacancy.

Our Bishops

Bishop James and Bishop Robert, attending various Moving Mountains Events from 8 March to 11 March.

God for All: Pray for all the church leaders and the events that they will be

leading for Moving Mountains.

Saturday 10 March

Moving Mountains

Anglican Communion Diocese of Boga in the Congo, The Rt Revd Mugenyi William Bahemuka, clergy and people

(For notes on the Anglican Church in the Congo, see 4 March.)

Carlisle Deanery Pray for the congregations of St Herbert with St Stephen Currock, the Revd Alun Jones and for the youth work and Cinema Church Project. For our industry, tourism, commerce and sport and for Revd Alun Jones' Chaplaincy in this area and as Officer for Urban Priority Areas.

Our Bishops Bishop James and Bishop Robert, attending various Moving Mountains Events from 8 March to 11 March.

God for All: Pray for all those in our communities that they might be open to the gospel and be led into discipleship.

SUNDAY 11 March

Lent 4 and Mothering Sunday

Moving Mountains

Anglican Communion The Church of England, The Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Covering all of England, including the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands, the Church is the ancient national Church of the land. 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. Throughout the Middle Ages, the Church was in Communion with the See of Rome, but in the sixteenth century it separated from Rome and rejected the authority of the Pope. The Church of England

is the established Church, with the administration governed by a General Synod that meets twice a year.

Carlisle Deanery Pray for the Congregations of Bowness on Solway, Kirkbride and Newton Arlosh. For Revd Peter Blackett Jo Jefferson (LLM) and the Wardens and PCC. And also for our schools and villages.

Our Bishops Bishop James and Bishop Robert, attending various Moving Mountains Events from 8 March to 11 March.

God for All: Pray for the Mothering Sunday Moving Mountains community services today, and pray for the largest Messy Church event today at Rheged.

Monday 12 March

Anglican Communion Diocese of Bolivia, the province of South America, The Rt Revd Raphael Samuel, 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 1981, the new Province was formed, it includes Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay.

Carlisle Deanery Pray for the Congregations of St Cuthbert's and St Aidans and their Civic Service this morning. For Revd Keith Teasdale, Retired support: Revd Ron Crankshaw and Reader: Liz Metcalfe and the Wardens. And, for the Roof Appeal.

Tuesday 13 March

Anglican Communion Diocese of Bondo in Kenya, The Rt Revd David Kodia, 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.

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Pray for the City Council, City Courts, City Centre retail and business. For Revd Keith Teasdale and the Ecumenical Chaplaincy team; with thanks for our deepening relationship with our sister churches in the Deanery.

Our Bishops

Bishop James, Distinctive Deacons Conference, Rydal Hall.
Bishop Robert, Meetings, Kendal.

Wednesday 14 March

*Anglican
Communion*

Diocese of Bor, in the Upper Nile in the South Sudan, The Rt Revd Ruben Akurdid Ngong, 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.

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For the Congregations of Holy Trinity, St Barnabas and Sandsfield during this time of vacancy. For the team covering services and church life: Revd Ian Johnston. Readers: Geoff Bland, Brenda Peerless, Richard Stewart, Ruby Morlin and Reader in training, Bill Heatley. For the growing work in communities and the growth of Parish of discipleship and lay ministries in the team. For the wardens and PCC, and supporting ministers: Revd Andrew Warburton, Revd Barrie Thomas.

Our Bishops

Bishop James, CCL Board, Church House and attending The Bishop of Penrith's Farewell Service, Holy Trinity, Kendal.
Bishop Robert, Service at Holy Trinity, Kendal.

Thursday 15 March

Anglican
Communion

Diocese of Botswana, Province of Central Africa, The Rt
Revd Metlhayotlhe Rawlings Belemi.

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 and 15 Diocese. The countries forming the Province are very different; Zambia and Botswana had rapid industrialization, along with underdeveloped, thinly populated areas. In Malawi, many adult males are migrant labourers in other countries at any given time and Zimbabwe has experienced adjustment post independence.

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For the Congregations of St Elisabeth Harraby in the time of vacancy. For Gael Dowdeswell (Reader) and Revd Gill Smith as they seek to maintain and develop mission and ministry. For continued growth, our young people's organisations, and our ambitious building project. Pray for our Wardens and PCC.

Friday 16 March

Anglican
Communion

Diocese of Brandon, Province of Rupert's Land, Canada The Rt
Revd William Cliffe, clergy and people.

Diocese of Brazzaville, the Congo, The Rt Revd Molanga Jean
Botola, 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. Rupert's Land includes the Diocese of the Brandon.

(For notes on the Anglican Church in the Congo, see 4 March.)

Carlisle Deanery Pray for Congregations of St John the Baptist Upperby. Canon Jim Hyslop, Revd Kate Hyslop Carole Harkins (Reader). For the poor and needy of the area and the church's response. For growth in our work with families.

Our Bishops Bishop Robert, Meetings, Kendal.

Saturday 17 March St Patrick

Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. He is believed to have come from the west coast of Britain, perhaps the Severn estuary or the Solway coast. At the age of 16 he was captured by Irish raiders and became a slave in pagan Armagh. Believed to come from a Christian family as he prayed desperately and records in his "Confessions" that "the Spirit seethed in me". After six years, he escaped and determined to enter the priesthood. After some years he returned to Ireland, with a party of clergy, and went as a missionary bishop into areas where Christianity was unknown, baptizing and founding churches. He was a central figure in the development of a distinctively Celtic monastic system. Many writings are attributed to him but only two are generally regarded as authentic. The prayer (hymn) known as St Patrick's Breastplate, may be partly written by him, with later additions. The shamrock has become the symbol of 'the strong name of the Trinity'.

Anglican Communion Diocese of Brasillia, the Province of Brazil, The Rt Revd Mauricio Jose Araujo De Andrade, clergy and people.

Expatriate Anglican chaplaincies were established in Brazil in 1810, with missionary work beginning in 1889, after the separation of Church and State. The Province, which is one of the few Portuguese speaking churches in the Communion, became autonomous in 1965. In 1990, Brazil's economic and social problems prompted the Partners in Mission Consultation to focus on three priorities: education, service, and expansion. Estandarte Cnstaio, the monthly Church journal based in Porto Alegre, has been published since 1893. The population of Brazil is almost 156 million of whom only 100,000 are baptised Anglicans. There are 7 Dioceses and 131 clergy.

Carlisle Deanery For the Congregations of Dalston, Cumdivock, Raughton Head and Wreay. Revd Steve Carter, Readers: Michael Hall, Doreen Hallsworth, Cecily Mark-Bell. For our farmers and rural workers. And, for our building project at St Michael's Church.

Our Bishops Bishop James and Bishop Robert Diocesan Synod, Newton Rigg.

SUNDAY 18 March Lent 5

Anglican Communion Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, The Most Revd Paul Kwong Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui & Bishop of Hong Kong Island, clergy and people.

The Province of Hong Kong covers China and Macao and has three Dioceses: Eastern Kowloon, Hong Kong Island and Western Kowloon. The Province was inaugurated in 1998.

Carlisle Deanery For the Congregations of St James Denton Holme and St James Cummersdale. Revd. Simon Bickersteth. Pray for Cornerstone community outreach.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Confirmation Service, Barrow in Furness and Thanksgiving Service for Hospice at Home West Cumbria, 30 Years at St Bees Priory Church.

God for All: Pray for the follow up to those who wish to know more about Jesus through Moving Mountains. Pray for Sands Methodist Messy Church at Appleby.

Monday 19 March St Joseph

Joseph of Nazareth is Joseph the carpenter, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Matthew's Gospel gives his genealogy in detail, fourteen generations from Abraham to David and fourteen from David to Joseph. He was present at the nativity and took Mary and Jesus to Egypt to escape Herod's persecuting. Later, they lived in Nazareth and went every year to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover there. Then Joseph disappears from the Gospel narratives and at the Crucifixion Mary was a widow. Some scholars speculate

that Joseph was an older man at the time of Jesus' birth and also that Mary was his second wife. Joseph is the patron of manual workers and the fathers of families.

Anglican Communion Diocese of Brechin, The Episcopal Church in Scotland, The Rt Revd Nigel Peyton, clergy and people.

The Diocese of Brechin is in the east of Scotland and is the smallest of the seven dioceses of the Scottish Episcopal Church. It covers the historic counties of Angus and Kincardineshire. Within the church there are about 53 thousand Anglicans out of a total population of 5.5 million. The Episcopal Church has around 320 parishes and 420 clergy.

Carlisle Deanery Pray for all Primary schools, and children's organisations. Christian witness within them. Pray for all Sunday School teachers and after School Clubs. And for City XCITE team and events. Pray for James Rennie Special Communication School.

Our Bishops Bishop James & Bishop Robert, Meetings, Keswick.

Tuesday 20 March St Cuthbert

Cuthbert, bishop and missionary at Lindisfarne. He probably came from the Lammermuir Hills on the Scottish border and was a monk at Melrose Abbey. He went on long missionary journeys and after twelve years he felt called to become a hermit on the remote island of Farne. After some years the Archbishop of Canterbury, Theodore of Tarsus, called Cuthbert back to Lindisfarne as Bishop. (He is said to have left his island retreat in tears). After only two years he developed a terminal illness and returned to Farne to die in 687 AD. His shrine is in Durham Cathedral, still a place of pilgrimage; considered for his holiness and wisdom.

Anglican Communion Diocese of Brisbane, Queensland, the Province of Australia, The Most Revd Phillip John Aspinall, The Rt Revd Ian Keese Lambert and The Rt Revd Jeremy Greaves.
Diocese of Brisbane, Southern Region Victoria, the Province of Australia, The Very Revd John Roundhill
Diocese of Brisbane, Western Region, Queensland, the Province of Australia, The Rt Revd Cameron Venebles.

Clergy and people.

(For notes on the Province of Australia, see 2 March.)

Carlisle
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For the Congregations of St John London Road and St Andrew Botcherby. Revd Steve Donald. For the future partnerships with others.

Our Bishops

Bishop James & Bishop Robert, Meetings, Rydal Hall.

Wednesday 21 March

Thomas Cranmer

Archbishop and Reformation martyr (1489-1556), Cranmer was a Cambridge scholar, recruited by Henry VIII, to help to find a way of annulling his marriage to Catherine of Aragon. He had married the daughter of a Lutheran theologian and was himself inclined towards Lutheranism. Cranmer became Archbishop in 1532 and was president of Convocation when it declared the royal marriage null and void. His main work was in reforming the English Church and supervising the preparation of The Great Bible and the first Book of Common Prayer in English. Many of our Collects are Cranmer's own work. When Mary Tudor succeeded to the throne, Cranmer refused to escape and was imprisoned in Oxford, stripped of his office, condemned as a heretic and put under pressure to recant. But two days after he finally gave in, he was led out for execution but, instead of repeating his recantation he firmly stated his belief in the Reformation. He was burned at the stake, first thrusting the hand which had signed his recantation into the flames.

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Diocese of Bristol, The Rt Revd Michael Arthur Hill and Diocese of Bristol – Swindon, The Rt Revd Lee Stephen Rayfield both in the Province of Canterbury. The clergy and people.

The Diocese is part of the Province of Canterbury, one of two in England, covering the southern half of England. Diocese of Bristol, was founded 1542 and scopes the southern parts of South Gloucestershire; the northern quarter of Wiltshire, Swindon, excluding parishes in the north (Gloucester), and in the south (Salisbury) with a few parishes in Gloucestershire.

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For the Congregations of St John Houghton and St Peter Kingmoor. Revd Andrew Towner (vicar) and Rev Andrew

Simmons (curate). Readers (Robert Garner and Alan Wolstencroft) and other ministers, including Mrs Jane Catton and Mrs Caroline Towers (administrators). Give thanks for those who have been through ministry training, and pray for their growth and development, and discerning how to serve (including Dave, Fraser, Rachel, Trudi, Mary, Bryony). Give thanks for our 4pm congregation called 4LIFE and for the new families that have joined. Pray on for wisdom to keep on reaching out with the gospel, evangelism, and evangelistic projects.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Meetings, Church House and Churches Trust in Cumbria, Meeting at Rheged. Bishop Robert, Meetings Kendal.

Thursday 22 March

Anglican Communion Diocese of British Columbia, Province of British Columbia and the Yukon, Canadas, The Rt Revd Logan McMenemy, 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. There are just over 2 million Anglicans in 34 Dioceses.

Carlisle Deanery Pray for Congregations of St Luke Morton during this time of vacancy. Pray for the wardens and those supporting ministry in the parish at this time.

Our Bishops Bishop James and Bishop Robert, Northern Church Leaders Meetings, Leeds.

Friday 23 March

Anglican Communion Diocese of Buhiga, Province of Burundi The Rt Revd Evariste Nijimbere, 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. The present government has changed this policy and it became an independent Province in 1992. Anglicans are in a minority in a predominantly Roman Catholic nation. It is a dangerous country and some priests and pastors have been killed. The population is almost 6 million. Christians form 85% (RC's 65%; Anglicans and Protestants 20%). There are around 300,000 Anglicans, with 5 Dioceses, and 150 parishes.

Carlisle Deanery Pray for the Congregations of St Michael Stanwix and St Mark Belah, the Revd Nigel Beer, Revd Carl Harding, Readers: Janet Beer, Rob Cook, Robert Cox, and Amanda Quinn. For the children and youth work, Messy Church.

Our Bishops Bishop James Northern Church Leaders Meetings, Leeds.
Bishop Robert, Meetings in Deanery of Penrith.

Saturday 24 March

Annunciation BVM Lady Day **Walter Hilton, C1340 - 1396**

Walter Hilton, was a devotional writer and one of the greatest English mystics of the 14th century. He studied at the University of Cambridge before becoming a hermit and later joined the Augustinians at Thurgarton Priory, where he remained for the rest of his life. His major work was 'The Scale [or Ladder] of Perfection', written separately in two books. The first teaches the means by which a soul may advance toward perfection by destroying the image of sin and forming the image of Christ through the practice of virtue. The second distinguishes between the active, ascetic life and the contemplative, mystical life and describes the early stages of mystical contemplation, apparently from Hilton's own experience. Because of its sober and methodical character, The Scale became and remained a popular devotional classic through the 15th and early 16th centuries and is regarded as the finest treatise on contemplation written in the European Middle Ages.

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Diocese of Bujumbura in Burundi, The Rt Revd Eraste Bigirimana, clergy and people.

(For notes on the Anglican Church in Burundi, see 23 March.)

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For the Congregations of Aikton, Burgh by Sands, Great Orton, Kirkandrews-on-Eden with Beaumont and Grinsdale, and Kirkbampton and their minister Revd Tudor Boddam-Whetham. For our four schools and Sunday @ 4 four school-based Fresh Expression. For growing discipleship through small groups. And, for Christian hope for struggling farmers, the isolated and all who are spiritually blind.

SUNDAY 25 March

Palm Sunday of the Passion

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem All glory, laud and honor, To Thee, Redeemer, King, To Whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

*Anglican
Communion*

The Most Revd Suheil Dawani Archbishop, Jerusalem and the Middle East and the Archbishop in Jerusalem.

The Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East covers the four dioceses of Jerusalem, Iran, Egypt, Cyprus and the Gulf. The Jerusalem bishopric was founded in 1841 and became an archbishopric in 1957. Reorganization in January 1976 ended the archbishopric and combined the Diocese of Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria with the Jerusalem bishopric. Around the same time, the new Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf was formed and the Diocese of Egypt was revived. The Cathedral Church of St George the Martyr in Jerusalem is known for its ministry to pilgrims. St George's College, Jerusalem, is in partnership with the Anglican Communion.

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For the Congregations of St Mary Wigton and Thursby. Canon Geoffrey Ravalde, Revd John Hine. For the right partnerships

for the future. For our outreach to families and young people.
For our musicians and choir.

Our Bishops Bishop James attending various events in Solway Mission Community from 26 March to 30 March. Bishop Robert, East Whitehaven Mission Community.

God for All: We give thanks for Moving Mountains, all the blessings received through the mission. We pray for Messy Church at Christ Church Cockermouth.

Monday 26 March***Monday in Holy Week***

Anglican Communion Bukava, in the Province of Congoi, The Rt Revd Sylvestre Bahati, clergy and people.

(For notes on Anglican Church of the Congo, see 4 March.)

Carlisle Deanery For the Congregations of Rosley, Woodside, and Welton. Revd Eileen Reid. Reader: Geoff Hine. For continued growth in lay leadership. For all the clergy, wardens and officers in this time of vacancy.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Solway Mission Community.

Tuesday 27 March***Tuesday in Holy Week***

Anglican Communion Diocese of Bukedi, in the Province of Uganda, The Rt Revd Samuel Egesa, clergy and people.

The Anglican Province of Uganda has tripled in size in the past 10 years with the population of Uganda at almost 23 million, of whom around 89% are Christians. There are now 29 Dioceses for in excess of 7 million Anglicans, with 28 bishops, and nearly 1,800 parishes.

Carlisle Deanery For the chaplaincy team and volunteers at our hospitals. Revd Annie Gray, the lead chaplain at the Cumberland Infirmary. Wigton Hospital: Revd Colin Reid. Carleton Clinic: Revd Katie

Hyslop. For the health services in our area, mostly seriously under-staffed, including the Ambulance Service. With thanks for the devotion and skill of all who work in the NHS.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Solway Mission Community. Bishop Robert, Meetings Kendal.

Wednesday 28 March *Wednesday in Holy Week*

Anglican Communion Diocese of Bukuru, in Jos, in the Province of Nigeria, The Rt Revd Jwan Zhumbes, clergy and people.

(For notes on the Anglican Church in Nigeria, see 3 March.)

Carlisle Deanery For the Congregations' to make a grass roots response to God and for All: uniting with the congregations in their area to share resources and explore together. And, For the emerging of effective mission communities.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Solway Mission Community.

Thursday 29 March *Maundy Thursday*

'When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound; when Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around'. John Heerman.

Anglican Communion The Diocese of Banbury in Western Australia, The Rt Alan Ewing, clergy and people.

(For notes on the Anglican Church in Australia, see 2 March.)

Carlisle Deanery Pray for Churches Together in Carlisle and District, for the officers and those who work together in mission across the area.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Maundy Thursday Service at Carlisle Cathedral and Solway Mission Community. Bishop Robert, Carlisle Cathedral and Carlisle Deanery.

Friday 30 March

Good Friday

‘For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation, thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation; Thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation. Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee, think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving’.

John Heerman.

*Anglican
Communion*

Diocese of Bongoma, Kenya, The Rt George Mechumo

(For notes on the Anglican Church in Kenya, see 13 March).

*Carlisle
Deanery*

Pray for Carlisle College and our adult education facilities. For our University. For Revd Caroline Kennedy (chaplain) and for its continued growth and fusion with the community.

Saturday 31 March

Holy Saturday, Easter Eve

*Anglican
Communion*

Diocese of Bonyoro-Kitara, Uganda, The Rt Samuel Kahuma
Diocese of Busoga, Uganda, The Rt Revd Paul Moses Samson
Naimanhye, clergy and people.

(For notes on the Anglican Church in Uganda, see 26 March).

*Carlisle
Deanery*

Pray for Carlisle Mission Communities and their local development. For all our congregations to find sustainable and developing ways to grow and support new disciples, active in their daily lives and settings.

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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