

Carlisle Diocese Prayer Diary

December 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 Ecumenical County
and the charities supported by our churches.**



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
<http://www.godforall.org.uk/making-it-happen/prayer-resources/>

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Saturday 1 December

Charles de Foucauld

Charles Eugène de Foucauld was born 15 September 1858 and died 1 December 1916. He was a French Catholic priest living among the Tuareg in the Sahara in Algeria. He was assassinated in 1916 and is considered by the Catholic Church to be a martyr.

Anglican Communion Diocese of Kibondo, the province of Tanzania, The Rt Revd, Sospeter, clergy and people. Diocese of Kiteto, in the province of Tanzania, The Revd Isaiah Chambala, clergy and people.

The Universities Mission to Central Africa and the Church Missionary Society began work in 1864 and 1878 at Mpwapwa. The Province was inaugurated in 1970 following the division of the Province of East Africa into the Province of Kenya and the Province of Tanzania. The 19 dioceses represent both evangelical and Anglo-Catholic Churches and 16 bishops.

Ecumenical and Charity Giving thanks for the anniversary of the Declaration of the Ecumenical Partnership, and for our companion denominations.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Cathedral Council.

SUNDAY 2 December

Advent Sunday

Anglican Communion Pray for the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain extra-provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Rt Revd Carlos Lopez-Lozano, clergy and people.

Under the leadership of a former Roman Catholic Priest, the Spanish Reformed Church was under the pastoral care of the Bishop of Mexico starting in 1880. In 1894, the Bishop of Meath consecrated the first Bishop and the Church of Ireland accepted metropolitan authority. The Church was fully integrated in 1980 as an extra-provincial diocese under the metropolitan authority of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Ecumenical and Charity Sarah Moore Area Moderator of the United Reform Church, Roger Batt of the Salvation Army, Richard Teal Methodist District Chairman and James Tebbutt his successor.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Declaration St John's Hall Cleator Moor.

God for All: Give thanks for the #FXCumbria day where around 100 people gathered to explore Fresh Expressions in November. Pray that over December people would know what their next steps are.

Vocations: We pray for a growing ecumenical partnership in exploring vocation. For all those exploring a vocation to serve those in greatest need.

Monday 3 December

Anglican Communion Diocese Kibungo, the Province of Rwanda, The Rt Revd Emmanuel Ntazinda, the clergy and people. Diocese of Kigeme, The Revd Assiel Musabyimana, Province of Rwanda 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 with around 200 parishes.

Ecumenical and charity Rachel Williams, Melaine Bevan and the Methodist churches of North Cumbria Circuit; Nick Mark and the URC congregations at Carlisle, Brampton, Bewcastle and Penrith.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Prayer Rota, House of Lords.

Tuesday 4 December

Anglican Communion The Diocese of Kigezi in the Province of Uganda, The Revd George Bagamuhunda, clergy and people.

The Anglican Province of Uganda has tripled in size in the past 10 years. There are now 29 Dioceses for 1,700 parishes. 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.

*Ecumenical
and charity*

David Harkison and the URC congregations of Whitehaven and Silloth; Wendy Kilworth- Mason and the Methodist churches of the Solway Circuit; David Opie Chaplain to Sellafield.

Our Bishops

Bishop James, Prayer Rota, House of Lords.

Wednesday 5 December

*Anglican
Communion*

Diocese of Kilmore and Elpin & Ardagh, Armagh Ireland. Rt Revd Ferran Glenfield, clergy and people.

The United Provinces of Armagh and Tuam, the Province of Armagh, and also known as the Northern Province, is one of the two ecclesiastical provinces that together form the Anglican Church of Ireland. The Province has existed since 1833, when the ancient Province of Armagh was merged with the Province of Tuam. The other Province in the Church of Ireland is Dublin.

*Ecumenical
and charity*

Jennet McLeod Area Co-Leader of the United South West Cumbria Area and Ron Wilson together with the URC congregations of Barrow and Furness.

Our Bishops

Bishop James, Prayer Rota, House of Lords.

Thursday 6 December

St Nicholas

Nicholas dedicated his life to serving God and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. Bishop Nicholas became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need, his love for children, and his concern for sailors and ships. Under the Roman Emperor Diocletian, who ruthlessly persecuted Christians, Bishop Nicholas suffered for his faith, was exiled and imprisoned. After his release, Nicholas attended the Council of Nicaea in AD 325. He died December 6, AD 343 in Myra and was buried in his cathedral church.

Anglican Communion Kimberley & Kuruman, Province of Southern Africa, the Rt Revd Oswald Swartz, 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 diocese 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.

Ecumenical and charity Martyn Coe and the URC congregation of Dalton in Furness, Grange over Sands, and Windermere; Jo Rand and the Methodist Circuit of South Lakes.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Prayer Rota, House of Lords.

Friday 7 December

St Ambrose

Ambrose was the Roman consul for two provinces when riots occurred over the appointment of the Bishop of Milan. Someone (maybe a child) cried 'Ambrose for Bishop'. The crowd took up the cry and the emperor agreed to his appointment and he was consecrated within a week. On several occasions he opposed the power of the emperors. Once he was besieged in his cathedral from Palm Sunday to Easter Day by imperial troops but he kept the congregation singing hymns and the emperor finally gave way. Ambrose, who wrote several major treatises, is recognised as one of the four Latin Doctors of the Church.

Anglican Communion The Diocese of Kinkiizi, Province of Uganda, The Rt Revd Dan Zoreka, clergy and people.

For notes on the Anglican Church in Uganda, see 4 December.

Ecumenical and charity Pam Noonan and the URC congregations of Kendal and Sedbergh; David Stretton and the Kendal Methodist Circuit; Harold Stuteley and the Sedbergh Methodist Circuit.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Prayer Rota, House of Lords.

Saturday 8 December

Anglican Communion The Diocese of Kinshasa, the Congo, The Rt Revd Achille Mutshindu, 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.

Ecumenical and charity Les Wallace and the Kirkoswald and Alston Moor Methodist Circuit; Irene McKay Secretary to the Methodist Synod.

SUNDAY 9 December

Advent 2

Anglican Communion The Parish of Falkland Islands, extra-provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Parish of The Falkland Islands, The Rt Revd Timothy Thornton, clergy and people.

In 1977 the Archbishop of Canterbury resumed Episcopal jurisdiction over the Falkland Islands and South Georgia which had been relinquished in 1974 to the Church of the Southern Cone of America.

Ecumenical and charity Susan Edwards and the Keswick & Cockermouth Circuit.

God for All: Pray for the 'Radio Advertisements' going out on local radio throughout December, encouraging people to go to a Christmas Service, that people would hear them, and act on them.

Monday 10 December

Anglican Communion The Province of Kirinyaga, the province of Kenya, The Rt Revd Joseph Kibichwa, 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 with 29 Anglican dioceses.

Ecumenical and charity Stephen Radford and the Kirkby Stephen, Appleby and Tebay Circuit; Glynis Hayton Methodist District treasurer.

Our Bishops Bishop James, House of Bishops.

Tuesday 11 December

Anglican Communion Diocese of Kisangani, the Congo in Province of, The Revd Lambert Funga Botolome, clergy and people.
Nord Kivu, the Congo, the Rr Revd Muhindo Isesomo

For notes on the Anglican Church in the Congo, see 8 December

Ecumenical and charity David Milner and the Penrith Methodist Circuit, Paul Rose Children and Youth Co-ordinator.

Our Bishops Bishop James, House of Bishops, London.

Wednesday 12 December

Anglican Communion Diocese of Kita Kanto, province of the Anglican Communion in Japan, the Rt Revd Zerubbabel Katsuichi Hirota, 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. The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan) has 11 Dioceses.

Ecumenical and charity Alistair Smeaton and the URC congregations at Workington, Harrington and Cockermouth; Richard Skinner and the Methodist churches of the Solway Circuit.

Our Bishops Bishop James, House of Bishops.

Thursday 13 December

St Lucy

Lucy, martyr 304, is one of the most famous of the early virgin martyrs. A fourth century inscription in Sicily mentions Lucy's feast day who is thought to have been martyred during the Diocletian persecutions. The celebration of her feast day in Sweden (near the winter solstice) is a celebration of virginity. By the 7th century her story had spread to England and Aldham, Bishop of Sherborne, wrote extensively about her in prose and verse.

Anglican Communion Diocese of Kitale, Province of Kenya, The Rt Revd Stephen Kewasis, And, The Suffragan Bishop of Kitale, The Rt Revd Samson Tuliapus, clergy and people.

For notes on the Anglican Church in Kenya, see 10 December.

Ecumenical Philip Jackson and the Wigton Circuit, Alan and Mim Rainford

and charity Community and Family Workers.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Bishops Leadership Meeting, Bishops House.

Friday 14 December

St John of the Cross

John became a Carmelite friar, studied at Salamanca and was ordained in 1567. When, in 1571, Teresa of Avila became prioress of the house at Avila, she sent for John to be the spiritual director. But the unreformed Carmelites captured John and went to extreme lengths to try and make him renounce the new movement. After eight months in captivity he escaped with many of the poems he had written and also wrote much, later, both poetry and prose.

Anglican The Diocese of Kitgum, Province of Uganda, The Rt Revd
Communion Wilson Kitara, clergy and people.

For notes on the Anglican Church in Uganda see, 4 December.

Ecumenical Jane Rowell URC Northern and North Western Synods
and charity Training Officers; Andrew Mills Moderator of the North
Western Synod.

Our Bishops Bishop James, meeting with RC Bishop of Lancaster.

Saturday 15 December

Anglican Diocese of Kitui, Kenya, The Rt Revd Josaphat Mule, clergy
Communion and people.

For notes on the Anglican Church in Kenya, see 10 December.

Ecumenical The URC North Western Synod's international partnerships
and charity with the Waldensian Church in Italy and the Presbyterian
Church of Taiwan.

SUNDAY 16 December Advent 3

Anglican Communion The Diocese of Kivu, Province of Rwanda, The Rt Revd Augustine Ahimana, clergy and people.

For notes on the Anglican Church in Rwanda see 3 December.

Ecumenical and charity The Methodist Church in Argentina link with Cumbria, for all that has been built on this partnership since 1999; Sue Jansen link partner.

God for All: Pray for Pray for the Messy church 'Christmas special' for families in Braithwaite school on the morning of 19th December.

Monday 17 December

Anglican Communion The Diocese of Kobe, Japan, The Rt Rev'd, Augustine Naoaki Kobbayashi, clergy and people.

For notes on the Anglican Church in Japan, see 12 December.

Ecumenical and charity Churches Together in Cumbria Executive Committee; Sarah Moore Chair; Emma Brown CTIC Administrator; David Richardson Treasurer; Shelagh Goldie Social Responsibility Officer.

Tuesday 18 December *O Sapientia*

Anglican Communion Koforidua, Ghana in the province of West Africa, The Rt Revd Felix Odei Annancy, clergy and people.

Church of the Province of West Africa includes Cameroon, Ghana,

Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone and The Gambia. There is total population of about 45 million of which 10 million are Christians, the province has around 600 dioceses.

Ecumenical and charity Churches Together in Cumbria - David Cooper, Nicola Reynolds and Nick Mark Denominational Officers.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Bishop's leadership meetings Rydal Hall.

Wednesday 19 December

Anglican Communion Kollam-Kottorakkara, The Rt Revd Dr Oommen George and Krishna-Godavari, The Rt Revd Cornelious Tanteputi, of the province of South India, 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.

Ecumenical and charity Boxes of Hope, those who have contributed boxes, those who took them to Romania, and all who will receive the boxes.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Bishop's leadership meetings Rydal Hall.

Thursday 20 December

Anglican Communion Diocese of Kondoa, the Province of Tanzania, the Rt Revd Given Gaula, clergy and people.

For notes on the Anglican Church in Tanzania, see 1 December.

Ecumenical and charity Methodist Homes for the Aged, Woodlands at Penrith and Amatheia at Workington, their staff, chaplains, residents and families they support.

Friday 21 December

Anglican Communion Diocese of Kongor, Upper Nile, Province of the South Sudan, The Rt Revd Gabriel Thuch Agot, clergy and people.

The Diocese is part of the Province of the Episcopal Church of The Sudan. The province has increased considerably and The Episcopal Church of Sudan decided to rename itself as Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan in November 2013 and to divide the Episcopal Church of South Sudan into eight internal provinces.

Ecumenical and charity Cerebral Palsy Cumbria, for the families support and those coping with cerebral palsy.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Big Christmas Sing, St James Church.

Saturday 22 December

Anglican Communion Kontagora, Lokoja in the Province of Nigeria, The Rt Revd Jonah Ibrahim, clergy and people.

Prior to 1990 the northern two thirds of Nigeria was largely blocked then eight new bishops were then consecrated, it is the second largest province in the Anglican Communion, as measured by baptized membership, after the Church of England. Since 2002 the Church of Nigeria is organised in 10 ecclesiastical provinces. It has rapidly increased the number of its dioceses and bishops to 122 and the administrative headquarters are in Abuja.

Ecumenical and charity Hospice at Home Cumbria for those who are cared for, their families and all who support.

SUNDAY 23 December

Advent 4

Anglican Communion Diocese of Kubwa, Abuja in the Province of the Church of Nigeria, The Rt Revd Duke Akamisoko clergy and people.

For notes on the Anglican Church in Nigeria, see 22 December

Ecumenical and charity SANDS, those who have lost children in years past and all who feel the pain of loss especially at Christmas.

God for All: Pray for Network Youth Church - we have various people moving on and will be recruiting new staff over the next months. Give thanks for all that has happened in Derwent, Appleby and Furness and pray we find the right people to take the work forward.

Monday 24 December

Christmas Eve – Nativity of Our Lord

Anglican Communion Diocese of Kuching, in the Province of South East Asia, The Rt Revd Danald Jute, and The Rt Revd Nelson Ugas Bulang, clergy and people.

The Church of South East Asia has four Dioceses in the countries of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Ecumenical and charity The Children's Society and Christingle Services being held, those attending and those assisted by the fundraising.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Carol Service, Cathedral.

Tuesday 25 December

Christmas Day – Nativity of our Lord

Anglican Communion Kumi, in the Province of Uganda, The Rt Revd Edison Irigei, the clergy and people.

For notes on the Anglican Church in Uganda, see 4 December.

Ecumenical and charity Crisis, all those fed and housed over Christmas, homeless shelters and those who they support.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Christmas Day Eucharist Service, Cathedral.

Tuesday 26 December

St Stephen

The first martyr of the Christian faith. As deacon was one of the seven Hellenists who were appointed to care for the Greek Christians. Brought before the Sanhedrin and accused of blasphemy he made an eloquent defence (Acts 7.2-53). He was condemned to death and stoned, asking God to forgive his executors.

Anglican Communion Kushtia, in the province of Bagladesh, The Rt Revd Samyel Sunil Makhin, clergy and people.

Bangladesh was part of the State of Pakistan, which was partitioned from India in 1947. After the civil war between East and West Pakistan ended in 1971, East Pakistan became Bangladesh. The Church of Bangladesh is one of the United Churches, formed by a union of Anglicans with Christians of other traditions. The Province as founded 1971 and there are three Diocese in total with approximately 50 parishes.

Ecumenical and charity The many charities supported by regular donations and for the care they provide nationally and internationally.

Thursday 27 December

St John the Evangelist

Traditionally held to be the Apostle John, son of Zebedee, brother of James the Great, the author of the Fourth Gospel, possibly of the three NT Letters and the Revelation of John. John had a long life and seems to have outlived all the other apostles and is the only one who did not die a martyr's death.

**Anglican
Communion** Kutigi, Lokoja, The Rt Revd Jeremiah Kolo, clergy and people.
Kwara, Kawara, Nigeria, The Most Revd Olusegun Adeyemi,
clergy and people. Both in the Province of Nigeria.

For notes on the Anglican Church in Nigeria, see 22 December.

**Ecumenical
and charity** The links with the church overseas; Partnership in World
Mission Committee; the Diocesan Link Committees.

Friday 28 December

The Holy Innocents

The account of Herod's edict to kill all male children under two years of age in Bethlehem can be found in Matthew 2.1-12 and 16-23. The parallel with Pharaoh's slaying of the first-born of Israel (Exodus 1.13-22) is strong. Bethlehem was only a village and modern scholars think the number of babies involved would not have been large.

**Anglican
Communion** Diocese of Kwoi, Abuja, the Province of the Church of Nigeria,
The Rt Revd Paul Zamani, clergy and people.

For notes on the Church of Nigeria, see 22 December

**Ecumenical
and charity** UNICEF, the children who are refugees from their own homes,
those in danger as refugees, those split up and separated
from family.

Saturday 29 December St Thomas Becket

Thomas Becket. As Archdeacon of Canterbury was involved in getting the Pope's approval to Henry II's accession and was the King's Chancellor, friend and a statesman and diplomatist. He was, reluctantly, persuaded to become Archbishop but, having done so changed his way of life and fearlessly opposed the King's depredations on the Church. After six years in exile he came back to England with papal authority to suspend the Archbishop of York and six other bishops who had collaborated with the King. On Christmas Day 1170, the King, in a rage, asked who would rid him of his troublesome Archbishop; four knights hacked him down in his cathedral causing universal horror.

Anglican Diocese of Kyoto, Province of Japan, The Rt Stephen Takashi
Communion Kochi, clergy and people.

For notes on the Anglican Church in Japan, see 12 December.

Ecumenical Church Action on Poverty, those who support them and the
and charity projects that they sponsor.

SUNDAY 30 December Christmas 1

Anglican The Diocese Kyushu, in the province of Japan, Luke Ken-ichi
Communion Muto, clergy and people.

For notes on the Anglican Church in Japan, see 12 December

Ecumenical Christian Aid, the link partners and projects, the staff and
and charity those who support the charity.

God for All: Pray for the opportunities that Christmas offers to help people discover more of God. Pray that churches would be able to build on the contacts they have.

Monday 31 December

*Anglican
Communion* The Diocese of Lafia, Abuja, province of Nigeria, The Rt Revd
Godwin A Robinson, clergy and people.

For notes on the Anglican Church in Nigeria see 22 December.

*Ecumenical
and charity* The Bible Society, their work of translation; Open Doors, their
work of supporting the persecuted church and Christians.



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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

