

Carlisle Diocese Prayer Diary

JANUARY 2015



'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 Appleby Deanery

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Thursday 1 January

Naming of Circumcision of Jesus

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Kyushu (Province of Japan), Bishop Luke Ken-ichi Muto, clergy and people.
In 1859, the American Episcopal Church sent two missionaries to Japan, followed some years later by representatives of the Church of England and the Church of Canada. The first Anglican Synod occurred in 1887. The first Japanese Bishops were consecrated in 1923. The Church remained underground during World War II and assumed all Church leadership after the war. Sei Ko Kai Shumbun, the Church monthly, is augmented by NSKK, published in English. The total population is 127,100,000 of whom only 1 million are Christians and of these 57,407 are Anglicans. There are 11 Dioceses, 318 parishes and 348 clergy.
- Appleby Deanery* Rural Dean Stewart Fyfe; Lay Chairman, John Tillotson; Secretary, Jo Ayres; and members of Synod. Deanery Planning to implement the Strategy for Mission and Ministry.
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Friday 2 January

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

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

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

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Lafia (Province of Abuja, Nigeria), Bishop Miller Maza, 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.

Appleby House Churches and Groups and their leaders.
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Saturday 3 January

Anglican Diocese of Lagos (Province of Lagos, Nigeria), Bishop Ephraim
Communion Ademowo, clergy and people.
(For notes on Nigeria see 2 January)

Appleby Kirkby Stephen Parish Church with St Mary, Mallerstang, and St
Deanery Andrew, Crosby Garrett. Priest-in-Charge: Andrew Parkinson;
Reader: Penny Hilland; Lay Minister: Helen Bousfield.

SUNDAY 4 January Christmas 2

Anglican Diocese of Lagos West (Province of Lagos, Nigeria), Bishop
Communion James Odedeji. Diocese of Lagos Mainland (Province of Lagos,
Nigeria), Bishop Adebayo, clergy and people.
(For notes on Nigeria see 2 January)

Appleby Kirkby Stephen County Primary School, Head: Lynne Wade.
Deanery Kirkby Stephen Grammar School and Sports College, Head:
Ruth Houston.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Evangelical Bishops Residential Meeting in
Solihull, 4th to 5th.

Monday 5 January

Anglican Diocese of Lahore (Province of Pakistan), Bishop Irfan Jamil,
Communion 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.*

Appleby Churches Together in Kirkby Stephen.
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Our Bishops Bishop James, Evangelical Bishops Residential Meeting in
Solihull, 4th to 5th.

Tuesday 6 January

The Epiphany

Appleby Deanery The High Westmorland Parishes. St Michael, Shap with Swindale; St Patrick, Bampton with Mardale. Priest-in-Charge: Beverley Lock; Assistant Curate: Sandra Ward; Readers: Neil Hughes, Diana Nicholson; Lay Ministers Elaine Allison, Rosemary Campbell. The visitors to and the carers of Keld Chapel (owned by National Trust).

Wednesday 7 January

Anglican Communion Diocese of Lainya (Province of Sudan), Bishop Peter Amidi Pitia, 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.

Diocese Bishop's Leadership Team Residential at Rydal Hall, 7th to 9th.

Appleby Deanery The High Westmorland Parishes. All Saints, Orton; St James, Tebay; St Oswald, Ravenstonedale with Newbiggin on Lune. Priest-in-Charge: Beverley Lock; Readers: Reg Capstick, Neil Hughes, Diana Nicholson; Lay Minister: Rosemary Campbell. Orton (A) School, Head: Kate Arnold. Shap (A) School, Head: Anne Maud. Ravenstonedale Endowed School. Tebay Community School. For Tea Club at Bampton and Messy Church at Shap.

Our Bishops Bishop James, attending the Installation Service of Paul Wright in the Chapel Royal, London, 11.00 am.

Thursday 8 January

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Lake Malawi (Province of Central Africa), Bishop Francis Kaulanda, clergy and people.
The Province includes Botswana, Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. The first Anglican missionary to Malawi was Bishop Charles Mackenzie, who arrived with David Livingstone in 1861. The Province was inaugurated in 1955 and has a movable bishopric. The countries forming the Province are very different. Zambia and Botswana suffer the difficulties of rapid industrialization, along with underdeveloped, thinly populated areas. In Malawi, 30 per cent of the adult males are away as migrant labourers in other countries at any given time. Zimbabwe is experiencing problems of social adjustment after independence. The Province has 15 Dioceses for a population of nearly 32 million. There are 15 million Christians of which Anglicans number 600,000. There are 250 parishes, and 400 clergy.
- Diocese* Bishop's Leadership Team Residential at Rydal Hall, 7th to 9th.
- Appleby Deanery* Clergy with permission to officiate living in and working in the deanery. David Berry, James Clarke, Janet Cox, Ian Elliott, Mike Houston, Chris Jenkin, Sarah Parkinson, Carole Marsden, Philip Rushton, Peter Ridley, Roy McCullough, Timothy Thornton, Richard Willcock, + Alec Graham, + George Hacker, + Hewlett Thompson + Peter Ramsden.
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Friday 9 January

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Lake Rukwa (Province of Tanzania), Bishop Mathayo Kasagara, 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. There are 16 bishops and 685 priests. The population is 30 million of which 45% are Christians and 35% Muslims. Only about 2 million are Anglicans.
- Diocese* Bishop's Leadership Team Residential at Rydal Hall, 7th to 9th.
LCTP Residential Weekend at Rydal Hall, 9th to 11th.
- Appleby Deanery* The Mothers Union in our parishes, and groups that meet for fellowship, learning and study.

Saturday 10 January

William Laud, archbishop, 1573-1645

Leader of the High Church Party, opposed to the Calvinistic practices being adopted in the C of E. His views were close to those of Charles I in whose reign Laud became successively Bishop of Bath & Wells, Bishop of London and Archbishop of Canterbury. He sought obedience from the clergy, refused to ordain men who engaged in itinerant preaching rather than ministering to parishes and insisted that the altar should be moved from the centre of the church and placed at the east end where it would be a focus of worship. But when the Long Parliament met in 1640, the Earl of Strafford and Laud were both impeached for treason. Strafford was executed and, after four years in prison Laud too went to the scaffold.

Anglican Communion Diocese of Lango (Province of Uganda), Bishop John Charles Odurkami, clergy and people.

The population of Uganda is almost 23 million, 89% of whom are Christians (RC 38%; Anglicans 34%). 12% are Muslims. The Anglican Province of Uganda has tripled in size in the past 10 years. There are now 29 Dioceses for 6,700,000 Anglicans, with 28 bishops, 13,800 congregations, 1,731 parishes, 2,630 priests and 13,000 Readers and catechists.

Diocese LCTP Residential Weekend at Rydal Hall, 9th to 11th.

Appleby Deanery St Michael, Lowther; St Peter, Askham; St Cuthbert, Clifton and St Wildrid, Brougham. St Ninian, Ninekirks (in the care of The Churches Conservation Trust) its visitors and the work of the Trust. House-for-Duty Priest-in-Charge: Alan Maguire; Reader Emeritus: David Brockbank. Clifton County Primary School, Head: Roy Chambers; Lowther Endowed School, Head: Jill White.

SUNDAY 11 January

Baptism of Christ

Anglican Communion Diocese of Langtang (Province of Jos, Nigeria), Bishop Stanley Fube, clergy and people.
(For notes on Nigeria see 2 January)

Diocese LCTP Residential Weekend at Rydal Hall, 9th to 11th.

Appleby Deanery St Michael, Kirkby Thore; St James, Temple Sowerby; St Edmund, Newbiggin. Priest-in-charge: Sarah Lunn, assisted by clergy of the Heart of Eden Team; Readers: Michael Higginbottom, Lynn Miller.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Confirmation at Holy Trinity Church Langdale, 10.00 am.

Monday 12 January

Benedict Biscop, scholar, 628-690

A Northumbrian who travelled with Bishop Wilfred (633 - 709) on his journey to Rome but parted company at Lyons and Biscop spent several years in Frankish monasteries. His knowledge of Benedictine life was valuable, after the Synod of Whitby, when English, Welsh and Scottish monasteries were changing from the Celtic to the Latin Rite. Biscop made six journeys to Rome, bringing many cartloads of books, sacred pictures, vestments and a chanter who taught Gregorian plainsong. He founded the monastery at Monkwearmouth.

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Diocese of Lebombo (Province of South Africa), Bishop Carlos Simao Matsinhe, 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.

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Temple Sowerby (C) School, Head: Barbara Key. Kirkby Thore School, Head: Christine Wilson. Pioneer Ministers: Dan and Kristy Pattimore.

Tuesday 13 January

*St Kentigern (Mungo) missionary bishop, 518-603
George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends
(Quakers), 1624-1691*

Kentigern was said to have been the son of a Scottish princess who, refusing to name her lover, was thrown from a cliff overlooking the Firth of Forth. But she and her child survived and Kentigern was brought up by a monk who called him Mungo or 'darling'. He became a Celtic monk, so honoured in the Strathclyde region that the people asked that he should be their bishop. He lived into his eighties and St Mungo's Cathedral in Glasgow commemorates him as first Bishop of Glasgow.

George Fox, son of Puritan parents, left home at 21 and, with other Friends of Truth became convinced that the True Light illuminated all who sought it without the need for clergy, churches or formal prayers. They refused to bear arms, pay tithes or swear oaths. They faced persecution from landed gentry, clergy and magistrates, and endured beatings and repeated imprisonments. Many went abroad and George Fox travelled to North America and the West Indies preaching to a growing movement. After The Toleration Act of 1689 these peaceful people were allowed to worship freely in England.

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Diocese of Leicester (Province of Canterbury), Bishop Timothy John Stevens, and the Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Leicester, Bishop Christopher John Boyle, clergy and people. <i>Population 893,000. 324 churches, 237 parishes, 143 stipendiary clergy. Diocese was restored in 1926.</i>
<i>Diocese</i>	IME 4-7 Deacons and Year 1 Curates Day Conference at the University of Cumbria Ambleside Campus. Meeting of the Cathedral Chapter in the Prior's Room, Carlisle Cathedral, 10.30 am.
<i>Appleby Deanery</i>	The BSMW unit, St Michael, Brough with St Stephen, Stainmore; St Theobald, Musgrave; St Columba, Warcop; Bleatarn Chapel. Priest-in-Charge: Vacant; Reader: Judy Dobson.
<i>Our Bishops</i>	Bishop James, End of Life Care Lecture at West Cumberland Hospital, Whitehaven, 11.00 am, and Carlisle One World Centre Talk on Welfare Reform in the Tithe Barn, Carlisle, 7.30 pm.

Wednesday 14 January

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Diocese of Lesotho (Province of South Africa), Bishop Andreas Taaso, clergy and people. <i>(For notes on South Africa see 12 January)</i>
<i>Diocese</i>	Meeting of the Steering Committee at Church House, Carlisle, 12 noon.
<i>Appleby Deanery</i>	Warcop (A) School, Head: Sally Linsley. Brough Primary School, Head: Leslie Whittle.
<i>Our Bishops</i>	Bishop James, hosting supper party for the Distributors of The WAY, Bishop's House, Keswick, 7.30 pm.

Thursday 15 January

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Lexington (IV, The Episcopal Church), Bishop Douglas Hahn, clergy and people.
Anglicanism was brought to the New World by explorers and colonists with the first celebration of the Holy Eucharist in Jamestown, Virginia, in 1607. There was no resident Bishop for nearly two hundred years, causing problems when many of the clergy sided with the Crown during the American Revolution. In 1784, the Scottish Episcopal Church consecrated the first American Bishop. The Church has 9 Provinces, 98 Dioceses, plus 20 overseas jurisdictions. Out of a population of 284 million, only 2 million are Episcopalians, in 7,095 parishes, with 15,310 clergy.
- Diocese* Meeting of the Training Team at Grasmere Rectory, 9.30 am.
Meeting of the North Rural Deans and Lay Chairs at 2 The Abbey, Carlisle, 12.30 pm.
- Appleby Deanery* Warcop Army Training Centre: the Air Training Corps at Appleby. The British Legion. War Memorial Halls and Village Halls, their management committees.
- Our Bishops* Bishop James, Assembly at Bridekirk School, Dovenby, 9.30 am, and St Bees School Strategy Day, 12 noon.
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Friday 16 January

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Liberia (Province of West Africa), Bishop Jonathan Bau-Bau Bonaparte Hart, 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.
- Appleby Deanery* The Deanery work with youth – ‘Life in Stereo’ at Kirkby Stephen; for ‘Detox’ and ‘Pizza Praise’ at Appleby, all ecumenical projects. Fresh Expressions work. Eden Live at Shap and Morland. Deanery Network Youth Church Leader: Kristy Pattimore.

Saturday 17 January*Antony of Egypt, hermit, abbot, 251-356*

Most famous of the Desert Fathers of N. Africa. A biography of his very long life, written within a year of his death, describes his great asceticism and his temptations in his long periods of solitude. Antony sold his family estates, gave the money to the poor and lived for 13 years in a disused cemetery in Upper Egypt before moving into the Arabian desert. Other solitaries came to live near him and he founded two monasteries on the Eastern pattern where the monks lived alone but came together for worship and meditation. See Helen Waddell's "The Desert Fathers".

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Diocese of Lichfield (Province of Canterbury), Bishop Jonathan

Communion

Michael Gledhill and three Suffragans: Bishop Mark James Rylands (Shrewsbury), Bishop Geoffrey Peter Annas (Stafford), and Bishop Clive Gregory (Wolverhampton), clergy and people. *Founded 644, formerly Mercia. Stretching from the Welsh border to the Peak District; and from north Staffordshire to the Black Country; the Diocese of Lichfield is one of the largest in the Church of England. Population 1,988,000. There are 428 parishes, 583 churches, and 281 stipendiary clergy.*

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For encouragement of laity learning to take services; our joint

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ventures in confirmation training and marriage preparation, Called to Serve Course, those who lead groups, Janet Cox and her Training Work across the Deanery.

SUNDAY 18 January**Epiphany 2 & The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity***Anglican*

Diocese of London (Province of Canterbury), Bishop Richard

Communion

John Carew Chartres and five Suffragans: Bishop Peter William Wheatley (Edmonton); Bishop Jonathan Mark Richard Baker (Fulham); Bishop Paul Gavin Williams (Kensington); Bishop Adrian Newman (Stepney); Bishop Peter Allan Broadbent (Willesden); clergy and people.

Founded 314. The Diocese is made up of five areas: Edmonton, Kensington, London, Stepney and Willesden. Population 3,678,000. There are 399 parishes, 479 churches, and 473 stipendiary clergy.

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The Leith and Lyvennet unit. All Saints, Bolton; St Cuthbert, Cliburn; St Lawrence, Crosby Ravensworth; St Barnabas, Great Strickland; St Lawrence, Morland; St Mary, Thrimby. Priest-in-Charge: Stewart Fyfe; Readers: David Jones, Sheila Clark; Lay Ministers: Carolyn Fyfe, Sandy Pearl.

*Deanery**Our Bishops*

Bishop James, Sunday Evening Supper Discussion Group at Patterdale, 7.00 pm.

Monday 19 January

Wulfstan, bishop, 1009-1095

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

Anglican Diocese of Lincoln (Province of Canterbury), Bishop Christopher
Communion Lowson, and two Suffragans: Bishop Timothy William Ellis (Grantham), and Bishop David Eric Court (Grimsby), clergy and people.

Founded 1072, formerly Dorchester 886, formerly Leicester 680, originally Lindine 678; now comprises Lincolnshire except for an area in the west which is in the Diocese of Sheffield. Population 991,000. There are 514 parishes, 645 churches, and 172 stipendiary clergy.

Diocese West Clergy Residential at Rydal Hall, 19th to 20th.

Appleby Crosby Ravensworth (A) School, Head: Duncan Priestly.
Deanery Morland (A) School, Head: Louise Anderton. Bolton Primary School, Head: Calum Campbell.

Tuesday 20 January

Anglican Diocese of Litoral Ecuador (IX, The Episcopal Church), Bishop
Communion Alfredo Morante, clergy and people.
(For notes on the Episcopal Church see 15 January)

Diocese West Clergy Residential at Rydal Hall, 19th to 20th. South Clergy Residential at Rydal Hall, 20th to 21st.

Appleby Niscu working in the schools and with young people and the
Deanery support work of Emma Richardson. Youth Groups in the Deanery. The development of work in the Deanery with Pre-primary, Primary and transitional age children and their parents and carers.

Wednesday 21 January *St Agnes, child martyr, 292-305*

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

Anglican Communion Diocese of Liverpool (Province of York), Bishop Paul Bayes, and the Suffragan: Bishop Richard Finn Blackburn (Warrington), clergy and people.

Founded 1880. Spread across a region that is both rural and urban, stretching from Southport in the North to Widnes in the South, from Liverpool in the West across to Wigan in the East. Population 1,536,000. There are 210 parishes, 258 churches, and 203 stipendiary clergy.

Diocese South Clergy Residential at Rydal Hall, 20th to 21st.
Meeting of the West Rural Deans at Stainburn Road, Workington, 12 noon.

Appleby Deanery The Heart of Eden Team Ministry. St Lawrence, Appleby with St John the Baptist, Murton cum Hilton; St James, Ormside; St Peter, Great Asby. Team Rector: Sarah Lunn, Assistant Curate: John Griffiths; Readers: Mike Higginbottom, Lynn Miller. The Team working together.

Thursday 22 January

Anglican Communion The Most Reverend Dr Barry Morgan, Archbishop of Wales & Bishop of Llandaff, and the Assistant Bishop of Llandaff, Bishop David Wilbourne, 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. Population 2,900,000. Anglicans 95,000. 6 Dioceses, 578 parishes, 765 clergy. Primate: Dr Barry Morgan.

Diocese Introducing the Diocese Day, Carlisle.
IME 4-7 Year 2 Curates Day Conference at Rydal Hall.
Meeting of the Board of Education at Trinity School, Carlisle, 1.00 pm.

Appleby Deanery The Heart of Eden Team Ministry, St Margaret & St James, Long Marton; St Cuthbert, Dufton; St Cuthbert, Milburn. Sarah in her role as Rural Officer for the Diocese of Carlisle. The development of the Community Health Hub with GP Surgeries in the Deanery.

Our Bishops Bishop James, Cumbria University Board Meeting in Lancaster, 12 noon.

Friday 23 January

Anglican Communion Diocese of Lokoja (Province of Lokoja, Nigeria), Bishop Emmanuel Sokowamju Egbunu, clergy and people.
(For notes on Nigeria see 2 January)

Deanery Appleby Grammar School, Head: Andrew Lund. Appleby Primary School, Head: Rachel Pearson. Asby School, Executive Head: Rachel Smith. Long Marton School, Head: Rachel Smith. Milburn School, Executive Head: Angela Hill.

Saturday 24 January *Francis de Sales, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1567-1622*
More than 50 years after Calvin's Protestant reforms, Francis was appointed, by the RC Church, as Provost of Geneva, a city which was effectively a Protestant state. He travelled through the mountainous rural areas re-opening churches and finding priests to serve them. In 1602 he became Bishop of Geneva. A gentle and sensitive priest, he became renowned as a spiritual director and many of his pastoral letters survive. His treatises "On the Love of God" and "Introduction to a Devout Life"

Anglican Communion Diocese of Limerick & Killaloe (Province of Dublin, Ireland), The Revd Canon Kenneth Kearon, clergy and people.
Tracing its origins to St. Patrick and his companions in the fifth century, the Irish Church has been marked by strong missionary efforts. In 1537, the English king was declared head of the Church, but most Irish Christians maintained loyalty to Rome. The Irish Church Act of 1869 provided that the statutory union between the Churches of England and Ireland be dissolved and that the Church of Ireland should cease to be established by law. A General Synod of the Church, established in 1890 and consisting of Archbishops, Bishops, and representatives of the clergy and laity, has legislative and administrative power. The Church of Ireland covers the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. There are 12 Dioceses. Total population is 3.8 million of whom only 400,000 are Anglicans, with 450 parishes and 500 clergy.

<i>Diocese</i>	Meeting of the Bishop's Council at Stoneybeck Inn, Penrith, 9.30 am.
<i>Deanery</i>	Farmers and those who earn a living from and care for the land and livestock. For ecumenical work in the Auction marts. For collaborative working across the Deanery both clergy and laity.

SUNDAY 25 January Conversion of Paul

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Diocese of Long Island (II, The Episcopal Church), Bishop Lawrence Provenzano, clergy and people. <i>(For notes on the Episcopal Church see 15 January)</i>
<i>Deanery</i>	Choirs and music groups both in church context and community and for Bell-ringers and those who visit our towers.
<i>Our Bishops</i>	Bishop James, Confirmation Service at Millom, 10.00 am.

Monday 26 January *St Timothy and Titus, companions of Paul*
Timothy, described by Paul as 'my loyal child in the faith' accompanied Paul on his missions to Philippi and undertook missions to other Greek cities. He was with Paul when the Letters to the Philippians, the Colossians and the Thessalonians were written, and he is mentioned in all three. Paul's two Letters to Timothy were written when Timothy was in Ephesus and may have become the bishop. One record says he was killed at Ephesus. Titus was a Greek, who worked with Paul at a later stage in his ministry and was sent to a number of churches in Greece and Dalmatia. The Letter to Titus is written to him in Crete but there is some doubt about its authenticity. Eusebius records that Titus eventually became Bishop of Crete.

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	Diocese of Los Angeles (VIII, The Episcopal Church), Bishop Jon Bruno, and two Suffragans, Bishop Mary Glasspool and Bishop Diane Jardine Bruce, clergy and people. <i>(For notes on the Episcopal Church see 15 January)</i>
<i>National</i>	National Archdeacons Conference at Swanwick, 26 th to 28 th .
<i>Deanery</i>	The work of Churches Together in Appleby and Kirkby Stephen, and other Ecumenical Groups who meet in the Deanery.
<i>Our Bishops</i>	Bishop James and Bishop Robert, College of Bishops One Day Meeting in London.

Tuesday 27 January World Holocaust Day

Today we remember those who are the victims of cruel and violent regimes. We remember those who lost their lives in the death camps of the Second World War and those who in our world today are subjected to crimes against humanity. We dedicate ourselves as Christians to work tirelessly for peace and justice in our world.

Anglican Communion Diocese of Louisiana (IV, The Episcopal Church), Bishop Morris Thompson, clergy and people.
(For notes on the Episcopal Church see 15 January)

National National Archdeacons Conference at Swanwick, 26th to 28th.

Diocese IME 4-7 Year 3 Curates Day Conference at Rydal Hall.
Meeting of the Diocesan Advisory Committee in Carlisle, 10.30 am.

Deanery The encouragement of gifted/talented people in our congregations; for vocations in all areas of ministry. For Katherine Butterfield in training for ordination.

Our Bishops Bishop James, meetings in London am, and URC/CofE residential meeting in London, 27th to 28th.

Wednesday 28 January *St Thomas Aquinas, priest, philosopher, teacher of the faith, 1225-1274*

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

Anglican Communion Diocese of Luapula (Province of Central Africa), Bishop Robert Mumbi, clergy and people.
(For notes on Central Africa see 8 January)

National National Archdeacons Conference at Swanwick, 26th to 28th.

Diocese Meeting of the DBF Finance Committee at Church House, Carlisle, 10.00 am.

Deanery Church architects and those with innovative ideas for the inside of our churches. All who enjoy singing lustily.

Our Bishops Bishop James, URC/CofE residential meeting in London, 27th to 28th.

Thursday 29 January

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Lucknow (Province of North India), Bishop Maurice Dan, clergy and people.
The Province of North India was inaugurated in 1970 after many years of preparation. It includes the Anglican Church, the United Church of Northern India (Congregationalist and Presbyterian). The Methodist Church (British and Australian Conferences), the Council of Baptist Churches in Northern India, the Church of the Brethren in India, and the Disciples of Christ. Along with the Church of South India, the Church of Pakistan, and the Church of Bangladesh, it is one of the four United Churches. The population is 500,000,000, with 27 Dioceses.
- Diocese* Meeting of the Bishop's Leadership Team at Bishop's House, Keswick, 9.30 am.
- Deanery* The Farmers Markets at Orton (2nd Saturdays) and Brough (3rd Saturdays) and seasonal Farmers Markets.
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Friday 30 January

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Lui (Province of Sudan), Bishop Stephen Dokolo Ismail, clergy and people.
(For notes on Sudan see 7 January)
- Deanery* The Deanery as we seek to work, pray and grow together in the future.
- Our Bishops* Bishop Robert, Opening and celebration of entrance, office and reception at St Patrick's School, Endmoor, 1.30 pm, and the Licensing of Stephen Pye as Priest-in-Charge of the Cross Fell Group of Parishes at Melmerby Church, 7.30 pm.
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Saturday 31 January

- Anglican Communion* Diocese of Lusaka (Province of Central Africa), Bishop David Njovu, clergy and people.
(For notes on Central Africa see 8 January)
- Deanery* For the hope of the Resurrection, and For Funeral Directors, their work and ministry.
- Our Bishops* Bishop James, speaking at the Conference on Health and Wellbeing in Hereford.
Bishop Robert, Lay Ministries Training Day at St Andrew's Church, Penrith.

