

Saturday 22nd February.

Health and Social Care

We pray for all those involved in Health and Social Care organisations throughout the Diocese of York. May they be blessed with love and compassion for those they are caring for and in turn, may they too be cared for as they give out so much for others.

Diocese of Malabar (South India). Bishop Royce Victor.

Sunday 23rd February.
Sunday next before Lent

Mission to Seafarers

Please pray for all involved in providing support to seafarers from all over the world who visit Teesside. Pray for those who earn their living on the sea, often separated from friends and families for many months and facing the dangers of weather.

The Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America. Bishop Julio Thompson.

Monday 24th February.

Diocese of Sodor and Man

The Rt. Revd Peter Eagles; Chaplain: The Revd Ben Bradshaw.

Please pray for us as we make new appointments to parishes. Pray for us also in our engagement with a range of social issues, including homelessness and poverty. And rejoice with us as we rejoice in scripture and prayer in a programme of renewed engagement with our faith.

Diocese of Malaita (Melanesia). Bishop Samuel Sahu.

Tuesday 25th February.

St German's Cathedral, Isle of Man

Dean: The Very Revd Nigel Godfrey.

Pray the work of St German's Cathedral, Isle of Man, as it celebrates its 40th Anniversary. Pray for visitors and pilgrims in the 'Year of Cathedrals, Year of Pilgrimage', giving thanks for those who welcome visitors and praying for our work amongst the marginalised through enterprises like the Big Table Café.

Diocese of Malakal (South Sudan). Archbishop Hilary Deng.

Wednesday 26th February.
Ash Wednesday

Diocesan Registry

Registrar: Louise Connacher; Faculty Secretary: Hazel Bell; Registry Secretaries: Jessica Smith and Lara McArdle.

Please pray for Hazel, Jess and Lara, who continue to do a sterling job. Please also pray for Louise in her new role as Diocesan Registrar. With everyone else in the Diocese we are looking towards a year of change and will be grateful for everyone's prayers as we prepare for all that this entails from a legal perspective.

Diocese of Malek (South Sudan). Bishop Peter Mayom.

Thursday 27th February.
George Herbert, priest,
poet, 1633

Diocese of Durham

Bishop Paul Butler.

Please pray for us as we hold our year of Pilgrimage in 2020, including the launch of four new routes into Durham Cathedral. Pray too please as we develop a new forward plan for 2021-5 through the year. Finally, please pray for The Revd Canon Sophie Jelley as she moves from being our Director of Mission, Discipleship & Ministry to become Bishop of Doncaster (Consecration 25 March 2020).

Diocese of Malek Rup (South Sudan). Bishop Peter Agok.

Friday 28th February.

Durham Cathedral

Dean: The Very Revd Andrew Tremlett.

During the Lumiere light festival in Durham (14-17 November 2019), well over 12,000 people came through the Chapter House, lighting candles and leaving prayers. Please pray for the Cathedral community as we seek other opportunities to engage with visitors and share the love of God in a direct and relevant way.

Diocese of Malinda (Kenya). Bishop Lawrence Dena.

Saturday 29th February.

'Come and See' Northern Bishops' Mission to the Diocese of York, 12-15 March 2020

Please pray for Deaneries, Benefices and Chaplaincies as they organise Come and See events, and pray for everyone in our churches as we invite families, friends and neighbours to join in. Pray too for the visiting Bishops as they and their teams prepare to join us.

Diocese of Manchester. Bishop David Walker

Should you have any queries regarding the Prayer Diary (www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/prayerdiary), please do not hesitate to contact The Revd Simon Bray via email: prayerdiary@archbishopofyork.org or telephone: 01904 707021.



Diocese of York Prayer Diary - February 2020

www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/prayerdiary

Saturday 1st February.
Brigid, abbess, c.525

Bishop of Whitby

Bishop of Whitby: Bishop Paul Ferguson; PA: Mandy Robinson.

Give thanks for the continuing faithful work and witness of God's people in Cleveland Archdeaconry, for signs of growth and positive responses to new initiatives. Pray for our parishes and communities as we will be making several new appointments early in 2020.

Diocese of Lucknow (North India). Bishop Peter Baldev.

Sunday 2nd February.
Presentation of Christ in
the Temple

Middlesbrough Deanery

Area Dean: The Revd Dominic Black; Lay Dean: Kate Morris.

Please pray for the Deanery Synod as we work towards agreeing a Deanery Plan; for those involved in new mission initiatives through Multiply; and the development of Mustard Seed this year. Please pray also for a number of parishes in vacancy and the 11,600 people of St Agnes' and St Timothy's parishes who are losing their parish churches due to structural failure.

The Anglican Church of Burundi. Archbishop Martin Nyaboho.

Monday 3rd February.
Anskar, archbishop,
missionary, 865

Christ Church, Eston; St George, Normanby

Clergy: The Revd Julian Blakeley.

Our Rector, The Revd Julian Blakeley, is retiring in February. Please pray for Julian and Helen as they enter a new season and for our Wardens and Readers as they lead us in the interregnum. Please pray that as a fellowship we will keep our eyes on Jesus moving through 2020.

Diocese of Lui (South Sudan). Archbishop Stephen Mbalah.

Tuesday 4th February.
Gilbert, founder of the
Gilbertine Order, 1189

St Hilda of Whitby, Grangetown

Clergy: Father Edward Mathias-Jones and Father John Blakesley (PTO); Churchwardens: Enid Stringer and Chris Stringer.

Please pray for all in the community of Grangetown who use our hall, that through contact with the church we may attract new disciples. Pray also for blessings on the ministry of our Foodbank and for our parish as we continue on our LyCiG journey.

Diocese of Lusaka (Central Africa). Bishop David Njovu.

Wednesday 5th February.

St Barnabas, Linthorpe

Clergy: The Revd David Goodhew, The Revd Lindsey Goodhew, The Revd Mark Walley (Curate) and The Revd Ray Morris (PTO); Readers: John Ravalde and Ken Whiteway.

Please pray for St Barnabas and its new clergy team as we try to discern God's will for the coming years. Pray especially for many to hear and receive the good news of Jesus and for effective engagement with students at Teesside University and the many people struggling economically and with health problems in the area.

Diocese of Lusitanian Church (Portugal). Bishop Jorge Cabral.

Thursday 6th February.
Martyrs of Japan, 1597
Accession of Queen
Elizabeth II, 1952

St Cuthbert, Marton-in-Cleveland

Clergy: The Revd Andy Grant, The Revd Claire Todd (Curate) and The Revd Linda Shipp (PTO); Reader: Sylvia Swan; Churchwardens: Alan Proudler and Gordon Mallory.

We are committed to developing our culture of invitation and mission initiatives to encourage people into relationship with Jesus Christ, and to join St Cuthbert's for worship. In particular, we ask for prayer for the forthcoming 'Come and See' mission in March, which will involve a local school performing the Easter story at St Cuthbert's for the community.

Diocese of Luwero (Uganda). Bishop Eridard Nsubuga.

Friday 7th February.

St Agnes, Easterside, Middlesbrough

Clergy: The Revd Andy Grant, The Revd Claire Todd (Curate) and The Revd Linda Shipp (PTO); Churchwarden: Dennis Ford.

The future is uncertain for St Agnes' Church. Our application requesting the closure of the church building is ongoing. We pray for God's guidance with regard to future mission and worship on Easterside.

Diocese of Lweru (Tanzania). Bishop Godfrey Mbelwa.

Saturday 8th February.

All Saints, Middlesbrough

Clergy: Father Glyn Holland.

We pray for the strengthening of our mission to the town centre of Middlesbrough and the completion of facilities in church to serve our outreach. We pray for continued blessings on our work with Ayresome and Archibald Primary Schools.

Diocese of Machakos (Kenya). Bishop Joseph Mutungi.

Sunday 9th February.
3rd Sunday before Lent

St Columba with St Paul with Middlesbrough St John the Evangelist

Clergy: Father Stephen Cooper and Father Paul Kronbergs; Churchwardens (St Columba's): David Wells and Carol Freary; Churchwardens (St John's): Ken Pountney and Ellen Ferguson.

St Columba's: Please pray for the ongoing work of the Columba Project, for those caught up in chaotic lifestyles; that a way forward may be found for the local Greek Orthodox community who share our church; and for the work of Newport School.

St John's: Please pray that the PCC may be given the courage and insight to draw up a workable scheme for our community space; that we might reach out to all who live and work in our town; and for Abingdon Road School and Breckon Hill School.

The Anglican Church of Canada. Archbishop Linda Nicholls.

Monday 10th February.
Scholastica, abbess, c.543

St Oswald and St Chad, Middlesbrough

Clergy: The Revd Sue Richardson and The Revd Kath Dean (Deacon); Reader: Frank Hadfield (Ordinand); Children's and Youth Worker: Lucy Bedford.

Please pray for our plans for the development of the GENESIS Project, working towards creating a new congregation, alongside the development of our Lunch Club at St Oswald's on Fridays, and Drop In at St Chad's on Tuesdays.

Diocese of Madhya Kerala (South India). Archbishop Thomas Oommen.

Tuesday 11th February.

The Ascension, Middlesbrough, The Transfiguration Pastoral Centre

Clergy: The Revd Father Emmanuel Nazir.

Pray for Father Emmanuel and the people of the Ascension as they look forward to bringing the message of Christ to the community. Pray especially for our links with our nursing homes, schools and the neighbouring homeless residential flats. Pray for our continuous relationship with the recently confirmed.

Diocese of Madi and West Nile (Uganda). Bishop Charles Andaku.

Wednesday 12th February.

St John the Evangelist, South Bank and St Thomas the Apostle, Brambles Farm

Clergy: Father Terry Leathley (Incumbent) and Jane Emson (The Evangelist).

Please pray for the parishes of St John the Evangelist, South Bank & St Thomas the Apostle, Brambles Farm: that St John's may have the vision to seek God's Grace in growing as a church and influential part of the community. Pray also for the Church of St Thomas as it begins a new initiative of working with those in their 20s to 40s, and with people in poverty.

Diocese of Madras (South India). Bishop George Jeyaraj.

Thursday 13th February.

St Cuthbert, Ormesby

Clergy: The Revd Jennifer Croft.

Pray that we proclaim Christ in our worship and in our community and make disciples of all generations.

Diocese of Madurai-Ramnad (South India). Bishop Marialouis Joseph.

Friday 14th February.
Cyril and Methodius,
missionaries, 869 and 885;
Valentine, martyr at Rome,
c.269

Holy Trinity, North Ormesby

Clergy: The Revd Dominic Black (Vicar) and The Revd Carol Sunley (Deacon PTO);

Churchwarden and Multiply Lay Leader: Lee-Anne Southon; Children and Families worker: Rachel Stark; General Manager: Andy Colclough.

Give thanks for the many new people who came to faith and were baptised last year in our diverse and growing congregation. Please pray for continued growth in numbers and discipleship for the increasing number of people in need who are turning up.

Diocese of Mahajanga (Indian Ocean). Bishop Spencer Speers.

Saturday 15th February.
Sigfrid, bishop, 1045;
Thomas Bray, priest,
founder of SPCK and SFG,
1730

St Paul, North Thornaby

Clergy: The Revd Father Charles Razzall and The Revd Father Ian Graham (PTO);
Churchwardens: Sandie Strachan and David Boddy.

Please pray for a renewed contemplative heart: for all in the parish addicted to hard drugs and for local drug counselling services.

Diocese of Maiduguri (Nigeria). Bishop Emmanuel Morris.

Sunday 16th February.
2nd Sunday before Lent

St Mark and St Peter Ad Vincula, South Thornaby; Thornaby on Tees CE Primary

Clergy: Vacant; Churchwardens: Jean Higgin and Maureen Williams; Treasurer: Aileen Mather.

Please pray for a short interregnum and the successful appointment of a new parish priest. Please pray for the staff, governors and children at Thornaby C of E School. We give thanksgiving for all the support and hard work during the vacancy by the congregation.

The Church of the Province of Central Africa. Archbishop Albert Chama.

Monday 17th February.
Janani Luvum, archbishop,
martyr, 1977

St Martin of Tours with St Cuthbert, Middlesbrough

Clergy: Vacant. Churchwarden: Chris Greenwood.

During our vacancy please pray for all clergy who are helping us continue to provide a full service cover. Pray for our Churchwardens and PCC as we at St Martin's look to 'open an opportunity for all to know God's love by prayer, word and deed'.

Diocese of Maine. Bishop Stephen Lane.

Tuesday 18th February.

St Mary, West Acklam

Clergy: The Revd Norma Rao.

Give thanks for the congregation's faithfulness in serving God and St Mary's Church and pray for the continuing spiritual growth, discipleship and courage, and creativity to reach out.

Diocese of Maiwut Area (South Sudan). Bishop Peter Gatbel Lual.

Wednesday 19th February.

St Timothy, Hemlington

Clergy: Father Robert Desics.

We thank God for his continued goodness to us. As we move our Sunday worship to a different building, we pray for God to sustain us and ask that we continue to focus on growing disciples and making Jesus known to those around us.

Diocese of Makamba (Burundi). Archbishop Martin Nyaboho.

Thursday 20th February.

Teesside University Faith and Reflection Service.

Coordinating adviser: Emma Davisworth; Christian associate advisers: The Revd Lindsey Goodhew, Ste Corner, Hazel Murray, The Revd Charity Hamilton, Lt Naomi Kelly SA and Pastor Vincent Sacco.

Please pray for the staff and students of the University, and for the advisers as they offer hospitality, welcome, care, and opportunities for worship and exploring faith.

Diocese of Makueni (Kenya). Bishop Francis Matui.

Friday 21st February.

Roseberry Park Hospital

Please pray for all who live with mental health problems and learning disabilities and especially for those in hospital: for recovery, hope and new purpose. Pray for families and friends, for the care of hospital staff, and for acceptance and compassion in wider society.

Diocese of Makurdi (Nigeria). Bishop Nathan Inyom.