

Thursday 23rd April.
George, martyr, patron of
England, c. 304

Acts 435

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This April, Acts 435 is celebrating its 10-year anniversary. Please pray for the many opportunities that have arisen from this milestone, such as through the press and television. Please also pray for the team during this busy time, and that much fruit would come from the celebrations.

Diocese of Windward Islands (West Indies). Bishop C. Leopold Friday.

Friday 24th April.
Aellius, bishop, 624.
Seven Martyrs of the
Melanesian Brotherhood,
1003

Diocesan Board of Finance - Chair Mr Rodney Barton

Please pray for the York Diocesan Board of Finance as it focuses its role to support the achievement of the diocesan strategic goals.

Diocese of Worcester (England). Bishop John Inge.

Saturday 25th April.
Mark the Evangelist

Bishophorpe Palace

The Most Revd and Rt Hon Dr John Sentamu

Chief of Staff: The Revd Canon Malcolm Macnaughton; Chaplain and Researcher: The Revd Canon Dr Daphne Green; Domestic Chaplain: The Revd Simon Bray, and all the staff.

Pray for all who work at Bishophorpe, supporting the ministry of the Archbishop of York in the Diocese, Province and Nation. We give thanks for those staff members who have joined the team recently and for the continued support and care towards one another.

Diocese of Wulu (South Sudan). Bishop Zacharia Mangar Apeti.

Sunday 26th April.
3rd Sunday of Easter

York Minster Service for St George's Day

Dear God, we are not as brave as we would like to be. We remember the times when we have run away, or got angry or panicky, or turned our back when you wanted us to speak the truth and hold firm. We know you love us and want us to be our best selves, so we ask you to wipe out those times and to fill us with your peace. Help us to know that you are always at our side so that we don't need to be afraid. Show us how to overcome evil with good, like Jesus did, and like St George. Amen.

Pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East. Archbishop Michael Lewis.

Monday 27th April.
Christina Rossetti, poet,
1894

Diocesan Clergy Retirement and Widow(er)s' Officers

The Clergy Retirement and Widow(er)s' Officers for the Diocese of York: The Revd Dianne Cox (York), The Revd Ruth Newton (East Riding) and The Revd Canon Peter Bristow (Cleveland). Please pray for all retired clergy, giving thanks for the contribution so many continue to make to the life and worship of their communities. May they truly know how much they are appreciated. Also remember those who are no longer in active ministry, giving thanks for all they have given to the proclamation of the Gospel and to the Church. Pray for their spouses and all clergy widows and widowers, especially those who feel lonely. Pray for the Clergy Retirement Officers, giving thanks for the recent appointment of The Revd Dianne Cox.

Diocese of Mount Kenya South (Kenya). Bishop Timothy Ranji.

Tuesday 28th April.
Peter Chanel, missionary,
martyr, 1841

Diocese of Manchester

The Rt Revd Dr David Walker.

The Diocese is largely urban and diverse, with 45% of parishes within the 10% most deprived areas nationally. Please pray that our 'fresh' and 'refresh' strategy will be successful: fresh initiatives in planting resource churches, small-church networks and new work with our 192 church schools; and pray for refreshing traditional patterns of church.

Diocese of Wusasa (Nigeria). Bishop Ali Buba Lamido.

Wednesday 29th April.
Catherine of Siena, teacher
of the faith, 1380

Manchester Cathedral

Dean: The Very Revd Rogers Govender.

Manchester Cathedral is a busy urban community of faith serving the bustling metropolis of Greater Manchester and is Mother Church of a large urban diocese in the north west of England. We are a place of prayer and worship in a very diverse city and have a reputation for deep community and inter-faith engagement whilst welcoming all people to the House of God for prayer, worship and serving the common good. We thank the Lord for the growth of our diverse congregations. Pray for: the preparations to mark the 600th anniversary in 2021 of the founding of the Collegiate Church, plans for Phase 2 of our Development Project that will enhance our outreach, and for the needs of the growing homeless community in our city.

Diocese of Wyoming (The Episcopal Church). Bishop John Smylie.

Thursday 30th April.
Sandida Mary Ramabai,
translator, 1922

Wellbeing for those in Ministry, High Dalby House

Please pray for those running and attending the day, and for all ministers, that they would find a sustainable and life-giving rhythm.

Diocese of Yambio (South Sudan). Archbishop Samuel Peni.



Diocese of York Prayer Diary - April 2020

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Wednesday 1st April.
Frederick Denison
Maurice, Priest,
teacher of the faith,
1872

Northern Church Leaders' Retreat

Pray for this ecumenical gathering taking place, with opportunities for prayer, worship, study and fellowship with one another.

Diocese of Wernyo (South Sudan). Bishop Gabriel Kuol Garang.

Thursday 2nd April.

Guisborough Deanery

Area Dean: The Revd David Tembey; Lay Dean: Christine McIlvenny.

Please pray for the continued development of our Deanery Plan and for the difficulties that lie ahead; and join us in giving thanks to the Lord for the many opportunities of outreach given to us through the recent Come and See mission and for the help and enthusiasm of our visiting team. We pray that this will grow the kingdom in our communities.

Diocese of West Ankole (Uganda). Bishop Johnson Twinomujuni.

Friday 3rd April.

St Margaret, Brotton Parva; St Peter's CE Primary

Clergy: Fr Jonathan Rhodes.

Please pray for the 'Lifting the Vision' project as re-ordering and restoration consultations continue with all concerned about the future use of the church building as a place of worship and community encounter. We give thanks for the continued work in our local schools, praying for staff and pupils. We pray also for the Rector and PCC as we try to discern God's will for the coming years, seeking ways of serving anew the people of Brotton.

Diocese of West Lango (Uganda). Bishop Alfred Acur Okodi.

Saturday 4th April.

Christ Church, Coatham; All Saints, Dormanstown; Coatham CE Primary

Clergy: The Revd Rebecca Haughty; Churchwardens: Carol Upton, Syd Taylor, Margaret Hammond and Dave Stones.

Please pray for the Church Family at Coatham and Dormanstown as the spire and tower at Christ Church and the bell turret at All Saints' are renovated. We thank God for our fellowship and support of each other, and pray for God's blessing on our community outreach through the Church Shop, Foodbank and our work with Coatham School and Dormanstown Academy.

Diocese of West Missouri (The Episcopal Church). Bishop Martin Field.

Sunday 5th April.
Palm Sunday

All Saints, Easington; St Michael's, Liverton; St Hilda's, Liverton Mines; Easington CE Primary; Partington CE Primary

Clergy: The Revd Danny Walker; Churchwardens: Vicky Rushin-Chape, Karen Ward and Glenda Hudson. Please pray for our fundraising efforts to rebuild St Hilda's Church at Liverton Mines, particularly as we await decisions on a number of large grant applications with Trusts. Please also pray for the success of our Stations of the Cross trail that we will be creating around Easington Village for Holy Week using Stations that have been created by members of the church and community.

Pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. Archbishop James Richard Wong Yin Song.

Monday 6th April.
Monday of Holy Week

St Leonard, Loftus-in-Cleveland; St Helen, Carlin How with Skinningrove

Clergy: The Revd Adam Gaunt.

Join us in giving thanks to God for five years of sustained growth and pray with us for God's continued blessing upon our benefice. We ask you to pray with us for our Sunday School, its children, its family, and its leaders. Pray too for our Church Choir and for Richard Bendelow, our Director of Music, in his work and ministry with us. Pray also for the service of blessing of oils and renewal of ordination vows today at St Leonard's.

Diocese of West Malaysia (South East Asia). Archbishop Ng Moon Hing.

Tuesday 7th April.
Tuesday of Holy
Week

Emmanuel, Saltburn-by-the-Sea with St Thomas, New Marske

Clergy: The Revd Adam Reed.

Please pray for us as we serve God and make Him known in the community.

Diocese of West Tennessee (The Episcopal Church). Bishop Don Johnson.

Wednesday 8th April.
Wednesday of Holy
Week

St Cuthbert, Wilton

Focal Minister (Reader): Christine Hill.

We pray for direction as we look for growth into the community. We give thanks for the support of the retired clergy, and for each member of the church family.

Diocese of West Texas (The Episcopal Church). Bishop David Reed.

Thursday 9th April. Maundy Thursday	York Minster Pray for the service of blessing of oils and renewal of ordination vows today at York Minster. Diocese of West Virginia (The Episcopal Church). Bishop Willam Michie Klusmeyer.
Friday 10th April. Good Friday	St Nicholas, Guisborough Clergy: The Revd Alison Phillipson (Rector); Readers: Sue Hill and Geoff Hill; Churchwardens: Alwyn Jones and John Douglass; Retired Clergy: The Revd Marian Gardner, The Revd Stuart East and The Revd David Cook. Please pray with us as we continue to grow in numbers, regularly welcome new people, and welcome back old friends into worship life here. Pray also with us for our new JAM (Jesus and Me) group that meets in our newly-refurbished vestry at our main Sunday service with up to 15 young people learning about the Bible and Jesus. We give thanks for all that is good and for our strengthening links with local schools and wider community. We especially give thanks for and are blessed with so many people who give up their time to serve the gospel so faithfully here. Diocese of Western Kansas (The Episcopal Church). Bishop Michael Milliken.
Saturday 11th April. Easter Eve	St Peter, Redcar Clergy: The Revd Canon Rachel Harrison (Vicar), The Revd Tina Burgess (Assistant Curate); Readers: Chris Bowers and Steve Graham; Reader-in-Training: Sister Louisa Anne OHP; Churchwardens: Anne Hagen and Michael Williams. In your prayers please remember St Peter's as we move towards a time of change, especially praying for our curate and churchwardens, and all those taking on additional responsibilities. Please pray that, through change, there will be opportunities for growth, and that St Peter's will continue to be missional in outlook and a church of inclusive welcome. Diocese of Western Kowloon (Hong Kong). Bishop Andrew Chan.
Sunday 12th April. Easter Day	St Mark, Marske-in-Cleveland Clergy: The Revd David Tembey; Reader: Janet Dack; Churchwardens: Sue Sotheran and Peter Tinkler; Retired Clergy: The Revd Stephen Fisher. Please pray for the continued joy of the gospel in our community and for the excitement of discovering where our faith journeys will lead us, and give thanks for our ministry with Westgarth and Errington Primary schools and the various "Experience" days we do together. Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem and the People of the Land of the Holy One.
Monday 13th April. Monday of Easter Week	St Cuthbert; and St Hilda, Kirkleatham Clergy: The Revd Matt Strand (Vicar), The Revd Sarah Strand, The Revd Billy Barnes and The Revd David Lambert; Reader: George Featherston; Churchwardens: Rob Nightingale and Cynthia Watson (St Hilda's), Bruce Williams and Ann Boville (St Cuthbert's). As construction on the new St Hilda's church began in February, please pray for its smooth running and our continued fundraising. We give thanks for the growth in numbers of young families attending worship and pray for the new people we continue to meet through the work of both churches. Please pray also for the schools we are involved with: Green Gates Primary, Riverdale Primary, Lakes Primary and Kirkleatham Hall School. Diocese of Western Louisiana (The Episcopal Church). Bishop Jacob W Owensby.
Tuesday 14th April. Tuesday of Easter Week	All Saints, Skelton with Upleatham; St Aidan, Boosbeck; St Chad's, Lingdale Clergy: The Revd Valerie Haynes. We thank God for His presence in our churches and their communities. We pray for strength for those who serve Him so faithfully, that they may encourage others to follow Christ. Diocese of Western Massachusetts (The Episcopal Church). Bishop Douglas Fisher.
Wednesday 15th April. Wednesday of Easter Week	Distinctive Deacons For all those called to be a deacon, and especially for those ordained in 2019, please pray that the joy of being a servant of the Gospel in their local communities might inspire and encourage them as they live out their calling with humility and self-giving. Diocese of Western Mexico (Mexico). The Revd Ricardo Joel Gómez Osnaya.
Thursday 16th April. Thursday of Easter Week	Generous Giving Team - The Venerable Sam Rushton Jo Beacroft-Mitchell, David Smallwood and Sammi Tooze. Please pray for all those involved in encouraging Generous Giving in the Diocese, that their prayerful work may be well received and bear much fruit. Diocese of Western Michigan (The Episcopal Church). Bishop Wayne Hougland.

Friday 17th April. Friday of Easter Week	North Holderness Deanery Area Dean: The Revd Anne White; Lay Dean: John Robinson. We ask for God's blessing on the many initiatives in the Deanery that seek to build God's kingdom, especially the work with schools and young families, and our annual Deanery Songs of Praise. We pray particularly for those residents along the coastal strip who are in constant fear of losing their homes due to coastal erosion. Diocese of Western Newfoundland (Canada). Bishop John Organ.
Saturday 18th April. Saturday of Easter Week	St Bartholomew, Aldbrough; St Giles, Goxhill; All Saints, Mappleton; St Alban, Withernwick Clergy: The Revd Anne White; Churchwardens: Christine Longstaff and Kath Moore (Aldbrough); Ruth Skinner and Brian Rhodes (Mappleton with Goxhill); Anne Wood and Greg Taylor (Withernwick). We continue to give thanks for the way in which these churches worship, work well together and tirelessly fundraise. We are particularly looking forward to having the bells back in the bellcote at Withernwick. Prayers are asked for those who work with the Aldbrough Food Bank and for those who benefit from it. Diocese of Western Tanganyika (Tanzania). Bishop Sadock Makaya.
Sunday 19th April. 2nd Sunday of Easter	St Margaret, Long Riston; All Saints, Rise; St Augustine, Skirlaugh; St James, Ellerby; St Mary, Swine; St Michael's, Catwick; St John the Baptist, Bewholme with Nunkeeling; St Lawrence, Sigglesthorne; Riston CE Primary; Sigglesthorne CE Primary; Skirlaugh CE Primary Clergy: The Revd Andy Simpson; Retired Clergy: The Revd Lawrence Trender; Readers: Helen Wastling and John Hallaway; Reader in training: Paula Evans; RPA: Oliver Todd; and our Methodist colleagues. Please pray for: the parish leadership teams as we seek to work more closely together; the benefice pastoral care team; our Occasional Office Ministry, our children and young people's ministry; and the work in our three church schools, especially during this time of change. Please pray for the guidance of the Spirit as we seek to identify potential "Next Steps" for people here to grow closer to God and for the forthcoming planned mission and outreach events. Please also pray for those churches facing the serious challenge of stewardship of our beautiful buildings. Pray for the Church of Ireland.
Monday 20th April.	St Andrew, Foston on the Wolds; St Leonard, Beeford; St James, Lissett; St Nicholas Dunnington; St Elgin, North Frodingham; St Mary, Brandesburton; Holy Trinity, Leven; Beeford CE Primary; Leven CE Primary Clergy: The Revd James Grainger-Smith; Deacon: The Revd Shirley Hebden. We thank God for all the people involved in blessing our parishes. Please pray for pastoral care within our benefice - and for all who are struggling at this time. Please also pray for our outreach - especially with schools and young people - and pray that our actions and words would strike a chord and point to Jesus. Diocese of Wiawso (West Africa). Bishop Abraham Kobina Aekah.
Tuesday 21st April. Anselm, abbot, archbishop, teacher of the faith, 1109	St Lawrence, Atwick; St Nicholas, Hornsea; All Saints, Skipsea Clergy: The Revd Tina Minett Stevens; Retired Clergy: The Revd Canon Sidney Fox and Fr John Jordan; Churchwardens: Keith Rhodes, John Moss and Judi Pring (Hornsea); Maureen Sampson and Sallie Hammond (Atwick); Rosemary Brown and Tony Waldron (Skipsea). All Saints' gives thanks for a successful vision day with the Generous Giving Team and pray that we would make the most of existing community links. St Lawrence's gives thanks for the ongoing life of the church. St Nicholas' is restarting seasonal evening services: please pray that many will come and reconnect with God in our churches. Diocese of Willochra (Australia). Bishop John Stead.
Wednesday 22nd April.	Diocesan Companion Link The Revd Canon John Ford. Please pray for our link dioceses of Cape Town, Saldhana Bay and False Bay in South Africa and for Archbishop Thabo and Bishops Raphael and Margaret. Please pray for Fr Joshua Louw as he prepares for his consecration as the Bishop of Table Bay. There has been a rise in violent crime and crimes against women and girls; please pray for the victims and perpetrators as the Church continues to minister to the people by offering practical and prayerful support. Diocese of Winchester (England). Bishop Tim Dakin.