

Saturday
24th October.

St Mary the Virgin, Boston Spa; All Saints, Thorp Arch; St Peter, Walton; All Saints, Bramham; Boston Spa St Mary's CE Primary; Lady Elizabeth Hastings CE Primary

Clergy: The Revd Nick Morgan, The Revd Trish Anslow.

As we look forward to building on the new sense of community which online worship has opened up to us, and begin a new era of blended online and face to face worship and fellowship, pray for The Revd Nick Morgan, The Revd Trish Anslow and the churchwardens and lay people involved in leading our worship and pastoral work. Please pray for us as we review the ministry of children and young people in our villages, and our work to support them in their faith as we look for new ways of operating following the departure of Kate Kennedy, who has led and coordinated this important part of our church life in recent years.

Diocese of Cyangugu (Rwanda). Bishop Francis Karenera.

Sunday
25th October.
Last Sunday
after Trinity

St Luke, Clifford

Clergy: The Revd Ken Gabbadon; Churchwardens: Victoria Gausden, Jane Sellars.

St Luke's remains forever grateful for the faithful prayers of God's people. We are aware of the challenges of proclaiming and living out the Christian gospel during these unusual, worrying and confusing days, and so we are encouraged by the prayers of the worldwide Christian community. In these challenging days of Covid-19, we give thanks to God for our local church family as we endeavour to be the light, hope and peace of Christ to our community and beyond. For a time we were not able to meet in our building, yet - thanks be to God! - the church was still active as individuals daily lived out Christ's presence wherever they were located.

The Church in Wales. The Most Revd John Davies, Archbishop of Wales; Bishop of Swansea and Brecon.

Monday
26th October.
Alfred, king,
scholar, 899.
Cedd, abbot,
bishop, 664

St Mary, Askham Richard; St James, Bilbrough; All Saints, Long Marston; All Saints, Rufforth; The Epiphany, Tockwith; Long Marston CE Primary; St Mary's CE Primary; Tockwith CE Primary; Rufforth Primary

Clergy: The Revd Martin Otter; Reader: Ann Watson; Retired Clergy: The Revd Stephen Brown.

We give thanks for the faith and generosity of our existing congregations and pray for continued guidance in providing new ways to bring Jesus into the lives of others. We pray for our four primary schools as they provide care and encouragement to the children in difficult circumstances.

Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf (Jerusalem & Middle East). Bishop Michael Augustine Owen Lewis (Primate).

Tuesday
27th October.

St John the Baptist, Hessay; All Saints, Moor Monkton; St John the Baptist, Healaugh; All Saints, Wighill; St Helen, Bilton-in-Ainsty with Bickerton

Clergy: The Revd Richard Battersby.

Please pray for all those in our villages who are ill, anxious or lonely. Pray for the churches of the benefice: that they would be filled with hope and renewed during this time.

Diocese of Daejeon (Korea). Archbishop Moses Nagjun Yoo (Primate).

Wednesday
28th October.
Simon and
Jude, Apostles

St Everilda, Nether Poppleton; All Saints, Upper Poppleton; Manor CE School

Clergy: Vacant; Retired clergy: The Revd Michael Fossett; Churchwardens: Mike Hetmanski, Mark Boast, Lynda Salmon.

Give thanks for the appointment of Simon Biddlestone to the benefice, and pray for the development of ministry in Poppleton, Acomb and at Manor CE Academy.

Diocese of Dallas (The Episcopal Church). Bishop George R. Sumner Jr.

Thursday
29th October.
James
Hannington,
bishop,
martyr, 1885

St Andrew, Newton Kyme; St Mary, Tadcaster; St John the Baptist, Kirkby Wharfe; St Mary, Church Fenton; Kirk Fenton CE Primary

Clergy: Vacant; Retired Clergy: The Revd Colin Cheeseman; Churchwardens: Jonathan Craig, Dajan Hatton, Lucinda Jennings, Quintin Komaromy, Karen Leason, Celia Oldroyd, Sally Smart; Readers: Dorothy Clark, Peter Hodgson, Jane Perkins, Steve West, Tricia West.

Please pray for the four churches and the communities that make up the Tadcaster benefice as we await the arrival of a new curate and as we continue to work in partnership with the Diocese to appoint an incumbent. Please also pray for all those who are leading our churches at present, especially as they discern how to balance services in church and online.

Diocese of Damaturu (Nigeria). Bishop Yohannah A. Audu.

Friday
30th October.

Chaplaincy of Askham Grange Prison

Pray for all those involved in chaplaincy at Askham Grange, and for good and wise decisions, both in the running of the prison and in the arrangements for chaplaincy in the future.

Diocese of Davao (Philippines). Bishop Jonathan Labasan Casimina.

Saturday
31st October.
Martin Luther,
reformer,
1546

Prayer for the UK Parliament

Continue to pray for Parliament and Government as they wrestle with the pandemic and continue to work on the UK's withdrawal from the EU. Pray for humility, wisdom and vision for our leaders.

Diocese of Delaware (The Episcopal Church). Bishop Kevin S. Brown.



Diocese of York Prayer Diary - October 2020

Thursday
1st October.
Remigius,
bishop, 533.
Anthony
Ashley
Cooper, social
reformer

Sports Chaplaincy UK — Adam May

Give thanks for all new chaplains we have continued to train during recent months and pray for discernment when placing new sports chaplains into clubs and gyms. Pray for creativity and boldness for all sports chaplains as they seek to engage with their local community of sport in new ways as we emerge into a new reality. Give thanks for all the opportunities that sports chaplains have been able to use to engage with others despite the recent national lockdown.

Diocese of Chhattisgarh (North India). Bishop Robert Ali.

Friday
2nd October.

The Archbishop of York

Pray for Archbishop Stephen as he continues to settle in his new role. Pray for opportunities to speak a message of hope in difficult times, and for grace to lead the Church in prayerfulness, simplicity and Christ-centredness.

Diocese of Chichester (England). Bishop Martin Warner.

Saturday
3rd October.
George Bell,
bishop,
ecumenist,
peacemaker
1958

Easingwold Deanery

Area Dean: The Revd Steve Whiting; Lay Dean: Margaret Price.

Please pray for our first Covid-19 Deanery Synod meeting this month: that members have the courage to attend; that by God's grace they are kept safe; and that through the Holy Spirit we have a good and fruitful synod. We give thanks for the Deanery Synod members who will be standing down and for the new members the Lord is raising up.

Diocese of Chotanagpur (North India). Bishop B. B. Baskey.

Sunday
4th October.
17th Sunday
after Trinity

St Stephen, Aldwark; St Mary, Aine; St Michael, Tollerton; St Peter, Brafferton; St Mary, Myton-on-Swale; St Mary Magdalene, Thormanby; St Peter's CE Primary

Clergy: The Revd Debbie Coyne, The Revd Carmel Gittens.

Pray for our ongoing ministry in the communities we serve, especially amongst those who are isolated or anxious at this time.

The Anglican Church of Tanzania. The Most Revd Dr Maimbo Mndolwa, Archbishop of Tanzania and Bishop of Tanga.

Monday
5th October.

The Byland Churches: St Michael, Coxwold; St Mary, Carlton Husthwaite; St Nicholas, Husthwaite; St Thomas, Wass; All Saints, Brandsby; Holy Trinity, Yearsley; St Cuthbert, Crayke; Crayke CE Primary; Husthwaite CE Primary

Clergy: The Revd Liz Hassall, The Revd Dr S. Pope. Retired clergy: The Ven H. Buckingham. Reader in Training: L. Crawshaw. Churchwardens: A. Buckingham, K. Rasmussen, J. Butler, C. Stratton, F. Warriner, R. Collard, M. Naylor, R. Williams, J. Foster. Head Teachers: Judi Jackson (Crayke); Fiona Bennett (Husthwaite).

Pray for all we serve, that the church may actively seek out those who are struggling with the restrictions. As we approach the coming vacancy, pray for all the churchwardens as they lead the parishes and for the clergy supporting them. Pray for our children and families, that we may find new ways of worshipping with them.

Diocese of Christ the King (Southern Africa). Bishop William Mostert.

Tuesday
6th October.
William
Tyndale,
translator,
martyr, 1536

St John the Baptist and All Saints, Easingwold; St Mary, Raskelf

Clergy: The Revd Margaret Young, The Revd Lottie Cranfield; Retired Clergy: The Revd Robin Davill, The Revd John Hetherington, The Revd David Senior, The Revd Chris Peel.

We pray for the parish as it lives through the pandemic with its restrictions; the elderly feeling lonely; the young who are frustrated at the limitations; and all of the groups who are unable to meet in our parish rooms.

Diocese of Christchurch (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia). Bishop Peter Carrell.

Wednesday
7th October.

All Saints, Newton-on-Ouse; Holy Evangelist, Shipton; St Giles, Skelton; Forest of Gaitres CE Primary

Clergy: The Revd Malcolm Wainwright, The Revd Trevor Gant, The Revd Catherine Toase, The Revd Taff Morgan; Reader: Graeme Wrightson; Churchwardens: Cathy Peacock, Stephanie Dow, Ingrid Kothari, Ian Holbrook, Carolyn Evans.

Pray for the final stage of work at Newton-on-Ouse, and projects at Shipton and Skelton; for God's blessing on all our new online services, which continue alongside open churches; for continued chaplaincy and work at Shipton School; for St Catherine's Nursing Home, Shipton; for our planned work with YoYo in school and the new project at Skelton Church; and for the new build estate on the A19—that we will find the best ways to offer Christ's love to this part of Skelton. We pray also for God's blessing on Linton-on-Ouse as the RAF presence leaves.

Diocese of Chubu (Japan). Bishop Peter Ichiro Shibusawa.

Thursday
8th October.

St Mary, Strensall

Clergy: The Revd Martin Harrison, The Revd Katharine McBride, The Revd Dot Hicks; Retired Clergy: The Revd Dr Judith Palmer, The Revd Frank Fletcher.

Please pray for our links with the Robert Wilkinson Primary Academy and the work we do with YoYo and Open the Book at the school. Please also pray that our plans for outside celebrations for All Hallows' Eve and Remembrance Sunday will be well received by the wider community.

Diocese of Clogher (Ireland). Bishop John McDowell.

Friday
9th October.
Denys, bishop
and his
companions,
martyrs, c. 250.
Robert
Grosseteste,
bishop,
philosopher,
scientist, 1253

The Forest of Galtres; St Leonard, Farlington; St Mary, Marton; St Helen and the Holy Cross, Sheriff Hutton; St Nicholas, Stillington; All Hallows, Sutton-on-the-Forest; Huby CE Primary; Sutton-on-the-Forest CE Primary; Stillington Community Primary; Sheriff Hutton Primary

Clergy: The Revd Steve Whiting; Retired Clergy: The Revd Canon Robert Law; Readers: Harold Mytum, Margaret Price; Churchwardens: Paddy Crossley, Richard Haste, Caroline Hunt, Jill Hodges, Neil Hodges, Richard Mapletoft, Janet Martin, Sue Whiting, Martin Wiltshire, Sally Wright.

Pray for the wisdom and guidance and protection of the Holy Spirit as we endeavour to be the people God calls us to be: to be church, to do church, and to live church for the benefit of all people in the midst of Covid-19.

Diocese of Coimbatore (South India). Bishop Timothy Ravinder.

Saturday
10th October.
Paulinus, bishop,
missionary, 644.
Thomas
Traherne, poet,
spiritual writer,
1674

Deanery of South Holderness

Area Dean: The Revd Susan Walker; Lay Dean: Andrew Pate.

Please pray for the deanery, giving thanks for all that God continues to do in this rural area, and for the innovative ways through which it has kept its worship and spiritual life alive during lockdown. We pray for God’s guidance as we look to the future: that we might have the wisdom and courage to go forward in faith and hope and find new ways in these difficult times to share the gospel, develop the spiritual life of the deanery, take Christian care and concern - together with the gospel - to all deanery areas and maintain family-friendly outreach. We give particular thanks for our retired priests, our Deanery priest, Deanery Deacons, and our many RPAs and worship leaders who keep worship going in our 23 churches.

Diocese of Colombia (The Episcopal Church). Bishop Francisco Duque.

Sunday
11th October.
18th Sunday
after Trinity

All Saints, Burstwick; St Peter, Burton Pidsea; St Lawrence, Elstronwick; St Peter, Humbleton; St Mary, Thorngumbald; All Saints, Halsham

Clergy: The Revd Susan Walker; The Revd John McWilliams; Retired Clergy: The Revd Ian Walker, The Revd Philip West; Churchwardens: Mary Jane Barker, Brenda Frear, Judith Harrison, Tracey Netherton, Richard Netherton, Rachel Priestley, Ken Wilson, Muriel Wilson.

Please pray for the benefice as it faces a vacancy: that, with the help of Recognised Parish Assistants and Churchwardens, it may continue to find ways to work together while maintaining worship in the scattered villages. Please also pray for us as we try and understand what mission means in these difficult times in our rural context; for our work with our local community schools and uniformed organisations; and for our Messy Church and family-friendly initiatives, especially that new and creative ways may be found to develop this work despite the restrictions.

The Church of the Province of Uganda. The Most Revd Stephen Samuel Kaziimba, Archbishop of Uganda and Bishop of Kampala.

Monday
12th October.
Wilfrid, bishop,
missionary, 709.
Elizabeth Fry,
prison reformer,
1845.
Edith Cavell,
nurse, 1915

St Nicholas, Keyingham; St Wilfrid, Ottringham; St Patrick, Patrington; St Mary, Welwick; St Germain, Winestead; All Saints, Easington; St Helen, Skeffling; Easington and Patrington CE Primary Schools

Clergy: The Revd Alisdair Laird, The Revd Janice Sharp; Churchwardens: Lois Rutter, Ian Rutter, John Rees, Sue Dughan, Audrey Clark, Angela Hamilton, Chris Unwin, Jean Wilkin, Andrew Pate, Nicholas Hildyard, David Snaith.

Please join us in praying for our new vicar, Reverend Alisdair, and his wife Ann as they settle into our benefice; and for all involved in All Saints’ FareShare surplus food project in Easington. Please give thanks too for all clergy, Recognised Parish Assistants, worship leaders and all who contributed to the benefice by ministering to us in the interregnum, especially during the pandemic restrictions.

Diocese of Colombo (Ceylon). Bishop Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabay.

Tuesday
13th October.
Edward the
Confessor, king,
1066

St Augustine, Hedon; St Andrew and St Mary, Paul; All Saints, Preston; St Swithin, Sproatley; Sproatley CE Primary

Clergy: The Revd Dr Susan Pulko.

Pray that the churches of the benefice would continue to be a faithful witness to the hope of Christ and a light to the communities in which they are set.

Diocese of Colorado (The Episcopal Church). Bishop Robert O’Neill.

Wednesday
14th October.

St Nicholas, Holmpton; St Matthew, Owthorne; St Michael, Garton in Holderness; St Margaret, Hilston; All Saints, Roos; All Saints, Tunstall; St Nicholas, Hollym; Roos CE Primary School

Clergy: The Revd Martin Faulkner, The Revd Philip West, The Revd John McWilliams, The Revd Diane Berry; Retired Clergy: The Revd Duncan Harris, The Revd Philip Moate, The Revd Ronald Howard, The Revd Janice Sharp; RPAs: Ros MacGregor, Sue McWilliams.

We have many elderly people in our congregations and many have chosen to stay home where they feel safer rather than return to church. We are thankful for technology and our newly learnt skills that allow those at home to access services, including some who have never been in our church buildings.

Diocese of Concepcion (Chile). Bishop Enrique Lago Zugadi.

Thursday
15th October.
Teresa of Avila,
teacher of the
faith, 1582

York Diocese Leadership team

Pray for the Archbishop and the Diocesan Leadership Team as they meet today with Area Deans. Pray for mutual encouragement and support and for fresh vision and inspiration from the Holy Spirit.

Diocese of Connecticut (The Episcopal Church). Bishop Ian Douglas.

Friday
16th October.
Nicholas Ridley
and Hugh
Latimer,
bishops,
martyrs, 1555

Bishopthorpe Palace

The Archbishop of York, The Most Revd and Right Honourable Stephen Cottrell.

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

Pray for the team at Bishopthorpe as they get to know their new Archbishop, that good and supportive working relationships would be quickly established and that they would be encouraged and equipped to continue to provide the support and assistance needed for the Archbishop in his many responsibilities.

Diocese of Cork, Cloyne & Ross (Ireland). Bishop William Paul Colton.

Saturday
17th October.
Ignatius,
bishop, martyr,
c. 107

The Bishop of London, Chair of the Church Recovery Group

Please pray for Bishop Sarah Mullally and the Church of England’s Recovery Group as they seek to support the church across the country in responding wisely, safely and creatively to the ongoing pandemic.

Diocese of Costa Rica (Central America). Bishop Orlando Gomez.

Sunday
18th October.
19th Sunday
after Trinity.

New Priests in the Diocese

The Revd David Mann, Diocesan Director of Ordinands.

Please remember in your prayers all those shortly to be ordained Deacons, Distinctive Deacons and Priests. Especially pray for them, given changes in circumstances and restrictions, with regard to pre-ordination retreats and ordination services. Pray that none of this will detract from their sense of God’s call on their lives and an exciting start to this new chapter in their ministries.

The Episcopal Church. The Most Revd Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church.

Monday
19th October.
Luke the
Evangelist

Mothers’ Union

Diocesan President (York): Hilary Castle. Chaplain: The Revd Canon John Ford.

Give thanks for the work of the Mothers’ Union in the Diocese and across the world. Pray for all those to whom the MU is the visible sign of Christ’s love, and for all those who serve selflessly in his name to support families and help them to flourish.

Diocese of Coventry (England). Bishop Christopher Cocksworth.

Tuesday
20th October.

The Archdeacon of York, The Venerable Sam Rushton

Pray for the Archdeacon and all those in leadership in the Archdeaconry of York. Pray for kindness, wisdom and clarity of purpose as we continue the journey through and out of Covid-19. Pray for good decision-making which enables growth in discipleship, prayer and mission.

Diocese of Cuba (The Episcopal Church). Bishop Griselda Delgado Del Carpio.

Wednesday
21st October.

New Ainsty Deanery

Area Dean: The Revd Geoff Mumford; Lay Dean: Peter Teale; DFA: Nick Jupe; Deanery Secretary: Caroline Bolton.

We pray for more opportunities to see the Gospel proclaimed across the deanery in our parishes, schools and workplaces, building on a very positive Northern Bishops’ Mission in March. We pray for both the benefices that have been in vacancy, for the appointment of The Revd Simon Biddlestone at Poppleton and Holy Redeemer Church, York and for the arrangement being made to fill the Tadcaster Benefice. We give thanks for our retired colleagues who will be resuming valuable duties in the coming months. As we move forward may the deanery become more united as we manage fewer resources.

Diocese of Cueibet (South Sudan). Bishop Elijah Muteny Awet.

Thursday
22nd October.

St Andrew, Bishopthorpe; Holy Trinity, Acaster Malbis; St John, Acaster Selby; All Saints, Appleton Roebuck; Archbishop of York CE Junior School

Clergy: The Revd Canon Chris Coates, The Revd P. Macnaughton, The Revd Canon M. Macnaughton, The Revd C. Everett-Allen, The Revd A. Hughes; Churchwardens: S. Hall, P. Bolton, R. Reid, J. Skinner, D. Rowley; Readers: M. Sargent, T. Whaley; RPAs: M. Dunn, R. Dunn, P. Bolton; Head Teachers: J. Green, N. Fox, A. Cummings.

Please pray for and give thanks for all church officers and for their faithfulness. Give thanks for all the great recorded and zoomed services during lockdown, and for church young people’s Zoom groups, as well as After Eight Bible group. Give thanks for the new ways God is encouraging us to be his church in a world hungry for the food of his love; and for the regular contact with members of the congregations when we couldn’t visit. Praise God that visiting can happen again as well as worship in the churches. Please pray for our Gift Day this month and for the farming communities who are part of the faith family in our churches.

Diocese of Cuernavaca (Mexico). Bishop Enrique Treviño Cruz.

Friday
23rd October.

St Nicholas, Askham Bryan; All Saints, Bolton Percy; St Paul, Colton; St Giles, Copmanthorpe

Clergy: The Revd G. Mumford, The Revd G. Webb; Churchwardens: E. Peers, S. Jarrett; Reader in training: D. Smahon; Retired Clergy: The Revd J. Dash, The Revd C. Everett-Allan; RPAs: G. Smith, W. Thomson-Smith, L. Isherwood.

As we get to grips with what a ‘new normal’ will look like, we give thanks for the way the crisis has brought the parishes of the plurality together as geography became less important. We pray for the continued development of our Messy Church and our plans for worship as we find ourselves with an enforced opportunity to do things differently. May God reveal his vision for the future. We also pray for those who have been unable to engage with online opportunities and for their confidence to grow in meeting together again, while we take all the precautions necessary to be Covid-secure. We also pray for all those who have had hard bereavements and those who have had their wedding plans turned upside down.

Diocese of Cuttack (North India). Bishop Surendra Kumar Nanda.