

Sunday  
24th January.  
3rd Sunday of  
Epiphany

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Day 7**  
Holy Spirit, vivifying fire and gentle breath, come and abide in us. Renew in us the passion for unity so that we may live in awareness of the bond that unites us in you. May all who have put on Christ at their Baptism unite and bear witness together to the hope that sustains them.  
**The Church of Bangladesh.**

Monday  
25th January.  
Conversion of  
Paul

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Day 8**  
Thrice-holy God, we thank you for having created and loved us. We thank you for your presence in us and in creation. May we learn to look upon the world as you look upon it, with love. In the hope of this vision, may we be able to work for a world where justice and peace flourish, for the glory of your name.  
**Diocese of Akure. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).**

Tuesday  
26th January.  
Timothy and  
Titus,  
companions of  
Paul

**Diocesan Board of Education**  
Chair: The Rt Revd Paul Ferguson; Director: Andrew Smith.  
Please pray for the Board of Education and its work with church schools and education more widely across the Diocese. We pray especially for our school leaders faced with complex decision-making in the light of the pandemic's impact and for all children and young people affected by disruption to their education.  
**Diocese of Alabama. The Episcopal Church.**

Wednesday  
27th January.

**Holocaust Memorial Day**  
God of justice and of peace, You call your people to stand together, in solidarity with those who suffer; We remember before you in sorrow: all who perished in the horror of the Holocaust, all who were persecuted, and all whose suffering continues; Turn the hearts of all who persecute and oppress, and of all who seek to divide; Open our own hearts and minds, when they are closed in fear and hatred, So that all your peoples may stand together and reflect your image. Amen.  
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**Diocese of Alaska. The Episcopal Church.**

Thursday  
28th January.  
Thomas  
Aquinas, priest,  
philosopher,  
teacher of the  
faith, 1274

**Diocese of Leeds**  
The Rt Revd Nicholas Baines  
The Diocese is proving resilient, but finance will be a challenge in the next few years. Confidence is high and morale generally good in the Covid context. Please pray for wisdom for the bishops and other leaders as we navigate the uncertainties and take up the opportunities for witness and service.  
**Diocese of Saint Albans. The Church of England.**

Friday  
29th January.

**Ripon Cathedral**  
Dean: The Very Revd John Dobson  
Please pray for God's grace for us as we seek to further our vision, *Growing God's Kingdom*; extending Christ's mission in serving the people of the Diocese of Leeds and the region. We pray for human flourishing in every community as people continue to contend with Covid-19.  
**Diocese of Albany. The Episcopal Church.**

Saturday  
30th January.  
Charles, king and  
martyr, 1649

**Chester Cathedral**  
Dean: The Very Revd Tim Stratford  
2020 has been far from normal and 2021 will be a new sort of normal. Please pray for our staff, volunteers, congregation and clergy, that we can grow with confidence a mission of welcome, hospitality, holy encounter, worship and evangelism among people tentatively emerging from social distance and isolation.  
**Diocese of Algoma. The Anglican Church of Canada.**

Sunday  
31st January.  
4th Sunday of  
Epiphany

**Diocese of Chester**  
The Rt Revd Mark Tanner  
Give thanks for God's constant, kind faithfulness, and for Bishop Keith as he prepares to retire. Pray for all affected by abuse in the Diocese, for great appointments, our new Outreach department and the Revd Peter Froggatt, its director, and for Christ to be glorified in all, especially as we serve those most disadvantaged or overlooked.  
**Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.**

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# Diocese of York Prayer Diary - January 2021

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Friday  
1st January.  
Naming and  
Circumcision of Jesus

## York Minster

Please pray for York Minster, our re-building and re-shaping in the year ahead and our ministry in the City, Diocese and Province. With the many challenges we face, we pray for the courage to be bolder, simpler and humbler in all that we do and to reach out to the world in love. May the story of Christ be our story and our song.  
**Diocese of Aba. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).**

Saturday  
2nd January.  
Basil the Great and  
Gregory of Nazianzus,  
bishops, teachers of the  
faith, 379 and 389.  
Seraphim, monk,  
spiritual guide, 1833.  
Vedanayagam Samuel  
Azariah, bishop,  
evangelist, 1945

## Stokesley Deanery

Area Dean: The Revd Clay Roundtree; Lay Dean: Mrs Kate Brown; Secretary: David Local; Deanery Financial Adviser (DFA): Martin Bailey.  
Give thanks for two excellent clergy appointments made recently. Pray for the formation and implementation of a new Deanery Plan that takes into account all that has been learned over the last year. Give thanks that the Deanery is in good heart and ready to move forward, sharing God's love with our neighbours, seeking to ensure that all of our resources are mission ready.  
**Diocese of Aba Ngwa North. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).**

Sunday  
3rd January.  
2nd Sunday of  
Christmas

## St Margaret, Brookfield; St Peter, Hilton; St Peter and Paul, Stainton-in-Cleveland

Clergy: The Revd Claire Todd; Reader: Joan Mason; Recognised Parish Assistant (RPA): Julia Ardley; Churchwardens: Vernon Clare, Colin Mason, Sally Hamlin, Barbara Sowerby.  
We would appreciate prayer for people to offer themselves as churchwardens at Brookfield; for those who are isolated during these winter months, that they may feel cared for; for Claire's house move to the vicarage in January to go smoothly; and for building good relationships with our local schools and growing our congregations with people of all ages. We give thanks for all those who give their time and energy in various ways, and for finding new ways to be creative in these difficult times.

## The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria.

Monday  
4th January.

## St Francis of Assisi, Ingleby Barwick; St Francis CE Primary; All Saints CE School

Clergy: The Revd Clay Roundtree; Multiply Minister: The Revd Nik Stevenson; Churchwardens: Judy Hall, Maggie Lawrance; Headteacher, All Saints CE School: Ashleigh Lees; Headteacher, St Francis CE Primary: Louise Probets; RPAs: Claire Cook, Sam White, Liz Brown, Alicia Lightfoot, Maggie Lawrance, Janet Gyllenspetz.  
Pray for our work with other community partners to address poverty, isolation and community cohesion. Give thanks for those who have trained to be mental health first aiders.  
**Diocese of Abakaliki. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).**

Tuesday  
5th January.

## St Hilda, Bilsdale Priory; St Andrew, Ingleby Greenhow; St Cuthbert, Kildale; St Augustine, Kirkby-in-Cleveland; Bilsdale Midcable CE Primary; Ingleby Greenhow CE Primary; Kirkby and Great Broughton CE Primary

Clergy: The Revd Dr Anne Heading; Reader: David Heading; Churchwardens: John Coverdale, Pat Coverdale, Dennis Easton, Carol McGee, Neil Glover, Andrew Sutcliffe, Ros Tomlinson; RPAs: Sarah Weyell, Carol McGee, Bev Workman.  
Please give thanks for a mini tour of the church by our Pram Service children and for the ministry of the Revd Geoff Haysmore. Please give thanks for our schools work, both within school premises and online. Pray for the development of relationships with our Pram Service families, as some now come to our Family Service when Covid-19 regulations allow.  
**Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney. The Scottish Episcopal Church.**

Wednesday  
6th January.  
Epiphany

## Epiphany

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.  
**Diocese of Abuja. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).**

Thursday 7th January.	<p><b>All Saints, Great Ayton; Christ Church, Great Ayton; St Oswald, Newton under Roseberry; Marwood CE Infant School</b></p> <p>Clergy: The Revd Paul Peverell, The Revd Jon Dean, The Revd Geoff Jaques, The Revd Jane Robson; Readers: Margaret Lewis, Peter Titchmarch, Nick Land; Churchwardens: Helen Land, Jonathan Winterschladen, Christine Stinson, Matt Hulbert; Headteacher, Marwood CE Infant School: Dorothy Walton.</p> <p>Thank God for all who lead and support, and for information technology and Stokesley Church, and for Jane and Nick, new to the team.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Abyei. The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.</b></p>
Friday 8th January.	<p><b>St Mary, Nunthorpe</b></p> <p>Clergy: The Revd Tessa Stephens, The Revd Laura Wild; Retired Clergy: The Revd Pat Harrison, The Revd John Blakesley; Reader: Janet Hinton; Churchwardens: David Young.</p> <p>We thank God for the many people who offer their time, energy and prayers to support the life of the parish. Please pray for those who feel isolated and those struggling with their mental and physical health. Please pray for our local schools, especially Nunthorpe Academy as they seek to maintain provision for all their young people despite high rates of Covid-19. Pray that we might find new ways to share the good news of the gospel in 2021.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Accra. The Church of the Province of West Africa.</b></p>
Saturday 9th January.	<p><b>St Martin and St Hilary, Kirklevington; All Saints, Picton and Worsall</b></p> <p>Clergy: Vacant; Reader/Ordinand in training: Kate Brown; Churchwardens: Mike Page; Richard Ward; Retiring churchwardens: Kate Brown, Elsi Hampton.</p> <p>We ask for prayers for our parish as we seek a new priest to work with us as we reach out to the swathe of new housing in the parish and as we also further our mission in our rural parish community. We give thanks that, outside lockdown, we have been able to hold services each Sunday.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Adelaide. The Anglican Church of Australia.</b></p>
Sunday 10th January. Baptism of Christ. 1st Sunday of Epiphany	<p><b>St Peter and St Paul, Stokesley; St Martin, Seamer-in-Cleveland</b></p> <p>Clergy: Vacant; Churchwardens: John Groom , Judith Turland, David Hand.</p> <p>Heavenly Father, please watch over the vulnerable people in our parish during this coronavirus pandemic. Help us to love and care for those in need. Bless the work of our churchwardens and parishioners during our vacancy and guide us through this time of transition, that we might emerge stronger when we welcome the Revd Ben Gunter and his family into the parish.</p> <p><b>The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.</b></p>
Monday 11th January. Mary Slessor, missionary, 1915	<p><b>The Whorlton Group: Holy Cross, Swainby-Whorlton; St Botolph, Carlton-in-Cleveland; St Cuthbert, Middleton-on-Leven; St Mary Magdalene, Faceby; All Saints, Crathorne; St Mary, Potto; All Saints, Ruddy-in-Cleveland; Holy Cross Old Church, Whorlton; Carlton and Faceby CE Primary</b></p> <p>Clergy: The Revd Robert Opala, The Revd David Sudron; Readers: Gordon Clarke, Su Raid; Ordinands: Elaine Curry and Lisa Opala, Covid-19 Chaplain at James Cook University Hospital.</p> <p>We thank God for the ministry and mission of His Church in all our parishes of Whorlton Benefice. We ask that the Holy Spirit make this benefice a place of prayer, love, compassion and care, where people may freely search and find God of Jesus Christ. We believe that in these difficult and dark times it is true what St John of the Cross teaches us: "In the twilight of life, God will not judge us on our earthly possessions and human success, but rather on how much we have loved."</p> <p><b>Diocese of Afikpo. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).</b></p>
Tuesday 12th January. Aelred, abbot, 1167. Benedict Biscop, scholar, 689	<p><b>St Mary Magdalene, Yarm</b></p> <p>Clergy: Vacant.</p> <p>Please pray for those bearing the weight of pastoral care during the vacancy, and for confidence in God's purposes. Pray for those who will struggle with the winter weather.</p> <p><b>The Diocese of North Africa. The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria.</b></p>
Wednesday 13th January. Hilary, bishop, teacher of the faith, 367. Kentigern (Mungo), missionary bishop, 603. George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends (Quakers), 1691	<p><b>Church Amongst Disabled People</b></p> <p>God of creation, we worship you for the wonder and beauty of the world that you have formed. We praise you for the miracle of human life and thank you for the way in which you have given abilities to everyone. Today especially we celebrate the gifts that you have brought to your church through disabled people. Thank you for the ways in which lives have been enriched through their friendship, joy, sensitivities, love and wisdom. Help the Church to treasure your gift given through them and, day by day, to learn from their example and to live more closely to you.</p> <p><b>Diocese of the Horn of Africa. The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria.</b></p>

Thursday 14th January.	<p><b>Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC)</b></p> <p>Chair: The Revd Canon John Weetman; DAC Secretary: Catherine Copp; Diocesan Church Buildings' Advisor: Keith Halliday; Administrative Assistant: Rebecca West.</p> <p>Please pray for Catherine and Keith, the Archdeacons, DAC members and advisors, the Diocesan Chancellor and the Registry in their work of assisting parishes in the stewardship of their buildings, especially with all the added complications of coronavirus restrictions and their effects.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Agra. The (United) Church of North India.</b></p>
Friday 15th January.	<p><b>HMP and YOI Kirklevington Grange</b></p> <p>Please pray for the Revd Mick Wood, Chaplain, and for the staff and prisoners, and especially for the work of equipping prisoners to re-integrate with society when they are released.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Aguata. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).</b></p>
Saturday 16th January.	<p><b>Living in Love and Faith</b></p> <p>Pray for our Diocesan Living in Love and Faith Advocates, for the Next Steps group nationally, and for the whole church as we listen and learn together through the coming year.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Ahoada. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).</b></p>
Sunday 17th January. 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	<p><b>York Diocese Leadership Team</b></p> <p>Pray for the Diocesan Leadership Team meeting on 21 January, for wisdom, unity and creativity.</p> <p><b>The Anglican Church of Australia.</b></p>
Monday 18th January. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18-25 January. Amy Carmichael, spiritual writer, 1951	<p><b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Theme: Abiding in Christ. Day 1</b></p> <p>Jesus Christ, you seek us, you wish to offer us your friendship and lead us to a life that is ever more complete. Grant us the confidence to answer your call so that we may be transformed and become witnesses of your tenderness for the world.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Aipo Rongo. The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.</b></p>
Tuesday 19th January. Wulfstan, bishop, 1095	<p><b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Day 2</b></p> <p>Holy Spirit, May we receive in our hearts the presence of Christ, and cherish it as a secret of love. Nourish our prayer, enlighten our reading of Scripture, act through us, so that the fruits of your gifts can patiently grow in us.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Ajayi Crowther. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).</b></p>
Wednesday 20th January. Richard Rolle, spiritual writer, 1349	<p><b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Day 3</b></p> <p>God our Father, you reveal to us your love through Christ and through our brothers and sisters. Open our hearts so that we can welcome each other with our differences and live in forgiveness. Grant us to live united in one body, so that the gift that is each person comes to light. May all of us together be a reflection of the living Christ.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Akobo. The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.</b></p>
Thursday 21st January. Agnes, child martyr, 304	<p><b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Day 4</b></p> <p>Lord Jesus, your entire life was prayer, perfect harmony with the Father. Through your Spirit, teach us to pray according to your will of love. May the faithful of the whole world unite in intercession and praise, and may your kingdom of love come.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Akobo. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).</b></p>
Friday 22nd January. Vincent of Saragossa, deacon, martyr, 304	<p><b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Day 5</b></p> <p>Blessed are you, God our Father, for the gift of your word in Holy Scripture. Blessed are you for its transforming power. Help us choose life and guide us by your Spirit, so that we can experience the happiness which you want so much to share with us.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Akoko Edo. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).</b></p>
Saturday 23rd January.	<p><b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Day 6</b></p> <p>Jesus Christ, we desire to welcome fully the brothers and sisters who are with us. You know how often we feel helpless in the face of their suffering, yet you are always there ahead of us and you have already received them in your compassion. Speak to them through our words, support them through our actions, and let your blessing rest on us all.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Akot. The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.</b></p>