

Sunday 22nd
3rd Sunday of
Epiphany

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Day 5: Changed by peacemaking. Loving and merciful God, speak peace to our hearts and minds that we may make peace in the world: breaching divisions to bring reconciliation, bringing justice to bear where prejudice prevails, bearing your grace in and through our lives. Amen.
Pray for Ingreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil. Archbishop Mauricio Jose Araujo de Andrade

Monday 23rd

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Day 6: Changed by loving. You, our God, are perfect love; perfect in our hearts that same love so that we may be drawn into that peace and unity which is your desire for us all. God, in your love, teach us how to love. *Yes, Lord, your will be done.* Amen
Diocese of Albany (Il, The Episcopal Church), Bishop William Love

Tuesday 24th
Francis de Sales,
bishop,
Teacher of the
faith, 1622

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Day 7: Changed by feeding. Generous God, whose fruitful earth sustains us, and who, in your mysteries, offers us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, strengthen us to support one another in life's journey that, by working together to transform society through love and service, we may bring in your kingdom, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.
The Diocese of Algoma (Ontario, Canada), Bishop Stephen Andrews

Wednesday 25th
Conversion of
Paul

Week of Prayer Christian Unity

Day 8: Changed by uniting. Creator God, in whom all life is held together, help all Christians to unite in the communion of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.
Pray for Archbishop Eliud Wabukal. Primate and Archbishop of All Kenya.

Thursday 26th
Timothy and
Titus,
companions of
Paul

Diocese of Ripon and Leeds

The Rt Revd John Packer
Please pray for a seizing of the opportunities provided by the Dioceses' Commission proposals for West Yorkshire, so that we gain a new sense of collaboration and friendship with our colleagues in the dioceses of Bradford and Wakefield.
Diocese of the Amazon (Brazil), Bishop Saulo de Barros

Friday 27th

Ripon Cathedral

Dean: The Very Revd Keith Jukes, Canon Precentor: Canon Paul Greenwell, Canons Residentiary: Canon Keith Punshon, Canon Janet Henderson
Diocese of Amichi (Niger, Nigeria), Bishop Ephraim Ikeakor

Saturday 28th
Thomas Aquinas,
priest,
philosopher,
teacher of the
faith, 1274

Diocesan Advisory Committee

Chairman: The Revd Canon David Hodgson, Secretary: Phil Thomas.
Please pray for the members and officers of the Committee, for their wisdom and advice, and for the stewardship that we all share in caring for our church buildings, their contents and their churchyards as sources of inspiration and instruments of mission.
Diocese Amritsar (North India), Bishop Pradeep Samantary

Sunday 29th
4th Sunday of
Epiphany

Diocesan Board of Education

Please offer thanks and prayers for the Church's mission to the nation through its schools. Please pray for God's blessing on all those who today minister to young people and their communities through schools. Please pray for all those at the DBE who work so hard to support schools across the Diocese.
Pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi. Archbishop Bernard Ntahoturi

Monday 30th
Charles, king and
martyr, 1649

Diocese of Chester

The Rt Revd Dr Peter Forster
Please pray for the continued success of our Growth Action Planning, and give thanks for many encouragements within the Diocese at the present time.
Diocese of Andaman and Car Nicobar Islands (North India), Bishop Christopher Paul

Tuesday 31st
John Bosco,
priest, founder of
the Salesian
Teaching Order,
1888

Chester Cathedral

Dean: Very Revd Professor Gordon McPhate, Vice Dean: Vacancy, Canon Chancellor; Canon Jane Brooke, Canon Precentor: Canon Christopher Humphries,
Please pray for our choir tour to Albi and Toulouse; our link with Kondopoga Parish, North Russia; and our ministry to University Students in Chester.
Diocese of Antananarivo (India Ocean), Bishop Samoela Ranarivelo



Sunday 1st

Diocese of York Prayer Diary - January 2012

York Minster

Dean: The Very Reverend Keith Jones, Chancellor: The Revd Canon Glyn Webster, Canon Theologian: The Revd Canon Dr Jonathan Draper, Precentor: The Revd Canon Peter Moger.
For the work now starting on the construction of new visitor facilities. For all our staff who will face disruption to the day to day routine, but also for the many who will find the work fascinating to watch. Particularly we ask for prayer for those who work with children, welcoming, informing and exciting them with all we have to show them in the Minster.
The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. Archbishop William Turei

Monday 2nd
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

Rural Dean: The Revd John Ford, Lay Chair: Kate Brown, Secretary: Dr Graham Hassall, Deanery Finance Advisor: Martin Bailey,
Stokesley Deanery extends from the southern edge of Middlesbrough to the northern edge of the North Yorkshire Moors. Parishes include Suburban, Social housing, Market Town, Commuter villages and rural villages. Please pray for the Deanery as we explore a link with the Archdeaconry of Helderberg in the Diocese of False Bay as part of the Diocesan Link. Please pray for the parish of Yarm which is in vacancy that a faithful priest will soon be found to lead them.
Diocese of Aba (Niger Delta, Nigeria), Bishop Ugochukwu Ezuoke

Tuesday 3rd

St Margaret, Brookfield

Clergy: The Revd John Ford, The Revd Nick Green, Reader: David Local, Churchwardens: Roy Rowell, Kath Edmunds.
Please pray for the new "Messy Church" initiative and for links with Acklam Whin School. We give thanks for the ministry of John, Nick and David as they lead us forward to reach out in the Parish.
Diocese of Aba Ngwa North (Niger Delta, Nigeria), Bishop Nathan Kanu

Wednesday 4th

All Saints, Crathorne; St Martin, Kirk Levington; St Cuthbert, Middleton-upon-Leven; All Saints, Rudby-in-Cleveland; All Saints, Low Worsall.

Clergy: The Revd Pamela Sanders, The Revd Alison Hutchinson, Reader: Su Reid, Churchwardens: David Atkinson, Lord Crathorne.
Please give thanks for and pray for all involved in the 5 churches, especially the Churchwardens and PCC members, and for Su as she begins her Reader ministry among the 5 churches. We are still exploring ways of sharing our faith with our communities, including the 2 County Primary Schools. The open-air services continue to be well-attended. We ask for prayer for the new Bible Story Time/Toddler Praise which starts in Church House in Hutton Rudby in January.
Diocese of Abakaliki (Enugu, Nigeria), Bishop Benson Onyeibor

Thursday 5th

Christ Church, Great Ayton with Easby; All Saints, Great Ayton; St Oswald, Newton under Roseberry.

Clergy: The Revd Canon Paul Peverell, The Revd Geoff Jaques, The Revd Jon Dean, Readers: Margaret Lewis, Peter Titchmarsh, Churchwardens: Rosemary Whewey, Eric Boyce, Maureen Rider, Paul Carter.
Pray for the launch of our MAP 3, and give thanks for the growth at Newton under Roseberry with Weddings and the All Age Service, and for Little Fishes pre school service at Great Ayton.
Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney (Scotland), Bishop Robert Gillies

Friday 6th
Epiphany

St Timothy, Hemlington.

Clergy: The Revd Robert Desics.
O God, who revealed your only Son to the Gentiles by the leading of a star, mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may after this life enjoy the splendour of your gracious Godhead, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

Saturday 7th

St Francis of Assisi, Ingleby Barwick.

Clergy: The Revd Clay Roundtree, Reader: David Charlton, Peter Raffle, Churchwardens: Florrie Hunt, Carol Holdsworth, (Asst Chaplain at All Saints School).
Give thanks for the work of the Chaplaincy team in All Saints Secondary School and St Francis Primary. Pray for those who are currently testing their vocation to ordained ministry living within the parish, as well as the monthly Soup for the Soul community lunch held in the church centre.
Diocese of Adelaide (South Australia, Australia), Archbishop Jeffrey Driver

Sunday 8th 1st Sunday of Epiphany	<p>St Hilda, Bilsdale Priory; St Andrew, Ingleby Greenhow; St Cuthbert, Kildale; St Augustine, Kirkby-in-Cleveland.</p> <p>Clergy: The Revd Dr Anne Heading, Readers: Dr David Heading, Pat Weighell, Retired Clergy: The Revd Geoffrey Haysmore</p> <p>Please give thanks for the development of a small team who lead Godly Play workshops in our Benefice. Please pray for our monthly United Benefice Services, for our outreach into the local communities and for continued opportunities to share the gospel in the three Church primary schools. Ingleby Greenhow, Bilsdale Midcable, and Kirkby and Great Broughton.</p> <p>Pray for The Anglican Church of Australia. Archbishop Phillip Aspinall</p>
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Monday 9th	<p>St Mary, Nunthorpe.</p> <p>Clergy: The Revd Stuart East, Retired Clergy: The Revd Patricia Harrison, Reader: Janet Hinton, Youth Worker: Ste Corner, Churchwardens: Julie Williams, John Cundall.</p> <p>Please pray for long-term decisions to be made about finances, property and administration. Please pray for energy, courage and vision. Give thanks for new services, for outreach to schools and young people, and for continued growth in relationships. Give thanks for teams of faithful leaders and helpers. Give thanks that God is unchanging in an ever-changing world.</p> <p>Diocese of Afikpo (Enugu, Nigeria), Bishop Paul Uduogu</p>
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Tuesday 10th William Laud, archbishop, 1645	<p>St Peter, Hilton; St Peter and Paul, Stainton-in-Cleveland.</p> <p>Clergy: The Revd John Ford, The Revd Bill Dewing, Reader: Joan Mason, Churchwardens: John Gray, Colin Mason, Gill Sheret, Barbara Sowerby.</p> <p>Stainton: Please pray for the largely elderly congregation as we explore together with St Peter's Hilton a link with the Parishes of St Andrew's Strand and St Mary's Lwandle in the Diocese of False Bay. Give thanks to God for the revitalised work with children and opportunities this has brought for the whole congregation to learn from the young people.</p> <p>Hilton: Pray for the small but dedicated congregation as we continue to witness our faith in the community. Give thanks for green shoots of growth in the Family Service as we reach out to new families in the parish. Pray for the proposed link with parishes in the Diocese of False Bay.</p> <p>Diocese of Agra (North India), Bishop Samuel Cutting</p>
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Wednesday 11th Mary Slessor, missionary, 1915	<p>St Peter and St Paul, Stokesley with St Martin Seamer in Cleveland</p> <p>Clergy: The Revd Paul Hutchinson, The Revd Paul Harford, Readers: Dr Noel Harker, Derek Frow. Churchwardens: John Groom, Michael Westgarth-Taylor, David Dedman, Jo Tulip, Retired Clergy: The Revd Malcolm Spenceley</p> <p>We give thanks for new members with a variety of experiences of faith; for the first year of "Coffee and Cake" alongside Stokesley Farmers' Market; for a happy relationship with Stokesley Secondary School; and for the building of fellowship through study groups of children and young people will bear fruit; that our parish communications can be more effective; and that we can find realistic ways of developing Stokesley Parish Church building as a better resource.</p> <p>Diocese of Aguata (Niger, Nigeria), Archbishop Christian Efobi</p>
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Thursday 12th Aeldred, abbot, 1167 Benedict Biscop, scholar, 689	<p>St Mary Magdalene, Yarm.</p> <p>Clergy: Vacancy, The Revd Peter Elliot, Readers: David Rigg, Avril Rhodes, Churchwardens: Pat Ellison and Carole Wilson, Retired Clergy: The Revd Philip Bennison</p> <p>Please pray for the Churchwardens and all who continue to maintain the ministry in the Parish and that a faithful priest will soon be found to lead the parish forward. Pray also for the proposed Family worker and the link with Homestart.</p> <p>Diocese of Ahoada (Niger Delta, Nigeria), Bishop Clement Ekpeye</p>
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Friday 13th Hilary, bishop, teacher of the faith, 367 Kentigern (Mungo), missionary bishop, 603 George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends (Quakers), 1691	<p>Benefice of Whorlton with Carlton and Faceby</p> <p>Clergy: The Revd Linda Shipp, The Revd Paul Johnson, Reader PTO: Gordon Clarke, Churchwardens: Gillian Bowman, Pauling Kyngge, Amy Mazingham, Mike Rogers, Sarah Lee, Judith Salmon, Bob Sayer</p> <p>Please pray for our continuing work with Swainby and Potto C of E School, and Carlton and Faceby C of E School, for our newly founded Girl Guides and Brownies meeting in the church hall. For our growing Café Church, and joint Pentecost Picnic services with the schools and the Rogation service held in a local barn.</p> <p>Diocese of Aipo Rongo (Papua New Guinea), Bishop Nathan Ingen</p>
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Saturday 14th	<p>Voluntary Aided Schools in the Stokesley Deanery.</p> <p>Swainby and Potto Primary, Carlton in Cleveland Primary, Kirkby and Great Broughton Primary, St Francis Primary, Ingleby Barwick, All Saints Secondary.</p> <p>Voluntary Controlled Schools in the Stokesley Deanery</p> <p>Bilsdale Midcable Chop Gate Primary; Ingleby Greenhow Primary; Marwood Infant School, Great Ayton.</p> <p>Diocese of Ajayi Crowther (Ibadan, Nigeria), Bishop Olugbenga Oduntan</p>
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Sunday 15th 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	<p>Church Among Deaf and Disabled People</p> <p>Chaplain Linda Shipp; Co-ordinator in Hull Revd John Cowan, Communicators who sign the services in St Denys, York</p> <p>Please pray for the congregations where travel is difficult. Give thanks for the success of the 'Sensing God' service bringing people together. Pray for others to be willing to learn sign language to take the message of the Gospel to those on the margins of the church.</p> <p>Pray for The Church of Bangladesh. Archbishop Paul Sarker</p>
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Monday 16th	<p>Chaplaincy in Cleveland:</p> <p>Cleveland Police Force Chaplain: The Revd John Ford.</p> <p>Please pray for all members of Cleveland Police, Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers, Police Staff, contractors and partners in policing. Pray especially for "Operation Sacristy" and the investigations into the Force, that those responsible will seek the truth without fear, favour or coercion.</p> <p>Diocese of Akoko (Ondo, Nigeria), Bishop Gabriel Akinbiyi</p>
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Tuesday 17th Antony of Egypt, hermit, abbot, 356 Charles Gore, bishop, founder of the Community of the Resurrection, 1932	<p>HM Prison Kirkclevington Grange</p> <p>Please pray for the work of our multi-faith chaplaincy team as we strive to walk alongside the men who are coming to the end of long sentences and who are working towards a phased re-entry into the community and release. Pray for all prison staff, education providers, healthcare, volunteers and all who care for prisoners. Give thanks for the support from our local community who provide us with community projects so that men can experience participating in voluntary sector work as part of their rehabilitation. May we continue to treat offenders with patience, humanity, dignity and compassion.</p> <p>Diocese of Akoko Edo (Bendel, Nigeria), Bishop Jolly Oyekpen</p>
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Wednesday 18th Amy Carmichael, spiritual writer, 1951	<p>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</p> <p>Day 1: Changed by Serving. Gracious God, we gather, united in praise, longing for heavenly greatness in our earthly lives: serving one another in the way of Jesus, finding the overflowing joy of unity, and so to scatter, united in service.</p> <p>Diocese of Akot (Sudan), Bishop Isaac Ater</p>
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Thursday 19th Wulfstan, bishop, 1095	<p>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</p> <p>Day 2: Changed by waiting. God of hope, you are patient with your Church, and with me. Maybe I too will wait - disconcerting though this may be - and risk the change, and the pain, that may come as I wait to be free and released into your unity. Amen.</p> <p>Diocese of Akure (Ondo, Nigeria), Bishop Michael Ipinmoye</p>
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Friday 20th Richard Rolle, spiritual writer, 1349	<p>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</p> <p>Day 3: Changed by suffering. God of consolation, who changed suffering into a sign of victory, unite us round the cross of Jesus, who obtained salvation for us through his obedience. Show us how we can help those who suffer to experience your living presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen</p> <p>Diocese of Alabama (IV, The Episcopal Church), Bishop Henry Parsley</p>
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Saturday 21st Agnes, child martyr, 304	<p>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</p> <p>Day 4: Changed through struggling. Lord God, help us in our everyday struggle with adversity. May the Holy Spirit give us strength and wisdom so that, following you, we may overcome evil with good, and division with reconciliation. Amen.</p> <p>Diocese of Alaska (VIII, The Episcopal Church), Bishop Mark Lattime</p>
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Should you have any queries regarding the Prayer Calendar please do not hesitate to contact the Reverend Richard Carew via email: prayerdiary@archbishopofyork.org or phone: 01904 707021