

Thursday 23rd
Polycarp, bishop,
martyr, c.155

Teeside University

The Revd Andrew Howard

Pleased hold the University in your prayers at a time of financial uncertainty for the future, at a time also when it seeks to continue to foster creativity, opportunity and excellence. Pray also for the role of the Chaplaincy and the part it plays in promoting a spiritual dimension to the University, working flexibly in partnership with Christians of other denominations and local faith leaders.

Diocese of Awori (Lagos, Nigeria). Bishop Akin Atere.

Friday 24th

James Cook Hospital and the Teesside Hospice

Please pray for patients, carers, staff and volunteers at the James Cook University Hospital and the Teesside Hospice. Please remember the Chaplaincy Team of Rodney Breckon, Len Collings, Marie Edwards, Margery Grange, Malcolm Masterman and Sarah Ramsden as they face new challenges and new working relationships.

Roseberry Park Hospital

Chaplains: Paul Walker (CE), Richard Bradshaw (M), Patrick Thomas (RC), Ibrahim Meah (Muslim)

Please pray for the multi-faith Chaplaincy team. Pray for the spirituality pathway which will enable all patients' beliefs to be accounted for in their care. Pray also for the staff retreats which are growing in popularity that they may help members of staff find strength to deliver care to our vulnerable and sometimes difficult clients.

Diocese of Badagary (Lagos, Nigeria). Bishop Joseph Adeyemi.

Saturday 25th

Diocese of Durham

The Right Reverend Justin Welby

Please pray for these key issues : 1) getting round to all clergy in their houses, 2) establishing priorities for action over the first two years, 3), recruiting to empty positions, 4) sensitive handling of issues of clergy morale and parish share, 5) prioritising mission and evangelism!

Diocese of Bukuru (Jos, Nigeria). Bishop Jwan Zhumbes.

Sunday 26th
1st Sunday of
Lent

Durham Cathedral

Dean: The Very Reverend Michael Sadgrove

Please pray for the Cathedral's 'Open Treasure' project, our priority during 2012. This aims to renew our cloister exhibitions and visitor facilities as places of Benedictine hospitality and Christian encounter, interpreting not only the heritage of the northern saints but also the meaning of the gospel itself. Pray for the witness of the Cathedral's community of prayer to this 'treasure'; pray that all who come will find their lives touched by the spirit of this cherished and holy place.

Pray for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo. Archbishop Kahwa Isingoma.

Monday 27th
2nd Sunday
before Lent
George Herbert,
priest, poet, 1633

Diocesan Registry

Diocesan Registrar: Lionel Lennox, Registry Secretaries: Elaine Slack, Wendy Cox, Faculty Secretary: Hazel Bell

Please pray for all those at the Diocesan Registry who work so hard to support parishes with their advice and expertise. Pray that they may have energy and wisdom in the face of a large workload.

Diocese of Byumba (Rwanda). Bishop Emmanuel Ngendahayo.

Tuesday 28th

Diocese of Sodor and Man

The Right Reverend Robert Paterson

Please give thanks for the remarkable renewal of public ministry and pray for the consistent discipleship of all God's people.

Diocese of Ballarat (Victoria, Australia). Bishop Garry Weatherill.

Wednesday 29th
Ember Day

Peel Cathedral

Dean: The Very Reverend Nigel Godfrey.

The Cathedral of St German, Sodor and Man is being vacated until Easter for electrical re-wiring. During this period a chapel has been set aside in the neighbouring hall as a sacred space available for daily prayer and for people to drop-in. Sunday worship will be within the main hall. Please pray for the Cathedral community and its mission in this time of transition.

Diocese of Banks and Torres (Melanesia). Bishop Nathan Tome.

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



Wednesday 1st
Bridgid, abbess,
c.525

Bishop of Whitby

The Right Reverend Martin Warner

Please pray especially for those parts of the Cleveland Archdeaconry that face the destructive consequences of cuts in local government expenditure. In these areas of extreme deprivation we pray for schools, homes and families, for the elderly and the infirm, and those whose worship and witness keeps alight the hope that is the transforming gospel of Jesus Christ.

Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior (formerly Cariboo) - (Yukon, Canada). Bishop Barbara Andrews.

Thursday 2nd
Presentation of
Christ in the
Temple

Archdeacon of Cleveland

The Venerable Paul Ferguson

Please pray for Paul in his work and ministry supporting the parishes in the north of the diocese; and for God's blessing on the aspects of the diocese's life in which Paul has a particular role, including Readers, Wydale Hall, Safeguarding, and the covenant with the Methodist and United Reformed Churches.

Diocese of Angola (Missionary Diocese) (Southern Africa). Bishop Andre Soares.

Friday 3rd
Anskar,
archbishop,
missionary, 865

Middlesbrough Deanery

Rural Dean: The Revd Dominic Black,

Church of England School in the Middlesbrough Deanery: Thornaby-on-Tees Primary

Diocese of Ankole (Uganda). Bishop Sheldon Mwesigwa.

Saturday 4th
Gilbert, founder
of the Gilbertine
Order, 1189

Christ Church, Eston; St George, Normanby.

Clergy: The Revd Julian Blakeley, Readers: Diane Colbert, Jason Robinson, Jane Robson (Reader in training), Keith Alison (Retired Reader), Church wardens: Margaret Hunt and Joyce Loughran. We can give thanks to God for the way He has been leading us into new things, trying new forms of service (Cafe Church/messy Church: although we have never called it that) which have proved very successful at St George's. The contacts we have made now need to become disciples. Pray that we can find the right formula to enable Christ Church to be more attractive and to grow.

Diocese of Antsirana (Indian Ocean). Vacant

Sunday 5th
3rd Sunday
before Lent

St Hilda of Whitby, Grangetown

Clergy: The Revd Ian Graham

Please pray for all involved in the life of this Parish.

Pray for The Anglican Church of Canada. Archbishop Frederick Hilz. Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada.

Monday 6th
Martyrs of
Japan, 1597
Accession of
Queen Elizabeth
II, 1952

St Barnabas, Linthorpe

Clergy: The Revd Canon Erik Wilson, The Revd Nick Barr-Hamilton, The Revd Ray Morris, Readers: John Ravalde, Canon Jenny Reid

Please pray that the new pattern of services that began in January will enable people to encounter God in worship, will unite them in fellowship and empower them for service.

Diocese of Argentina (Southern Cone). Bishop Gregory Venables.

Tuesday 7th

St Cuthbert, Marton in Cleveland

Clergy: The Revd Mike Proctor, Reader: Christine Pointer, Retired Clergy: The Revd John Featherstone

Please pray for St Cuthbert's Church Marton, the Parish Church for the communities of Marton & Coulby Newham. Give thanks for the past year in which we have seen grow in faith, mission and numbers. Pray for the implementation of outcomes of the November PCC Away Day as we seek to develop and improve how we communicate the life and ministry of our Church. Pray for the launch of our new Pastoral Care Ministry scheme on Sunday 21st March. We look forward to the arrival of the Revd Ben Norton, who has been appointed to the parish and will share in ministry with our vicar. Pray for Ben, his wife Becky and their children as they make the move to join our communities of Marton & Coulby Newham.

Diocese of Argyll and The Isles (Scotland). Bishop Kevin Pearson.

Wednesday 8th	<p>All Saints, Middlesbrough Clergy: The Revd Glyn Holland Please pray for our ministry in local schools and also to town centre civic organisations. Pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. Archbishop William Turei.</p>
Thursday 9th	<p>St Agnes, Middlesbrough Clergy: The Revd Margery Grange, The Revd Marie Edwards, Churchwardens: Pauline Ryder, Dennis Ford. Please pray for the ministry of all on Easterside, especially for the children's done by Genesis Youth Project in partnership with the Eden Project and for increased co-operation between St Agnes and Tees Valley Community Church in their various ministries on Easterside. We hope for growth in relationships with nearby parishes and Grove Hill Methodist Church. Please pray for an increase in outreach to our young people and to the older, often less visible, residents; and less focus on the leaky church building. Diocese of Arizona (VIII, The Episcopal Church). Bishop Kirk Smith</p>
Friday 10th Scholastica, abbess, c.543	<p>St Columba, St John the Evangelist, Middlesbrough Clergy: The Revd Stephen Cooper, The Revd Andrew Howard, The Revd Paul Kronbergs St Columba - pray for our ongoing witness to the town centre and the work of the Columba Project as it seeks to minister to those with deep social problems. St John the Evangelist - pray for the work of our Junior Church and give thanks for our faithful, responsive and committed congregation. Diocese of Arkansas (VII, The Episcopal Church). Bishop Larry Benfield.</p>
Saturday 11th	<p>St Thomas, Brambles Farm Clergy: The Revd Terry Leathley, Church Warden: Joyce Colaghan Please pray for St Thomas' Church in Brambles Farm, as it struggles on with only a handful of members and faces the prospect of an uncertain future with the councils proposed closer of the community centre where they gathered together for weekly worship. Diocese of Armidale (New South Wales, Australia). Bishop Peter Brain.</p>
Sunday 12th 2nd Sunday before Lent	<p>The Ascension, Middlesbrough, The Transfiguration Pastoral Centre Clergy: The Revd Canon David Hodgson, Readers: Marion Marshall, Paul Skelton Please pray our faithful parishioners as we maintain our Christian witness in an increasingly secular environment. Pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa. Archbishop Albert Chama.</p>
Monday 13th	<p>St Luke, St Paul, North Thornaby Clergy: The Revd Harry Hopkins , The Revd Neil Petty, Ordinand in Training: Richard Brown, Church Wardens: Sandra Strachan and Leslie Harrison Pray for the Parish of North Thornaby as we continue to consider the future of the Church. Diocese of Arochukwu/Ohafia (Aba, Nigeria). Bishop Johnson Onuoha.</p>
Tuesday 14th Cyril and Methodius, missionaries, 869 and 885 Valentine, martyr at Rome, c.269	<p>Holy Trinity, North Ormesby Clergy: The Revd Dominic Black, Churchwarden: Bryan Campbell, Trinity Centre Coordinator: Anne Keenan, Development officer: Heather Black, Children's worker: Jenna Johnson Please pray for our communities feeling the effects of the economic downturn and cuts; the work of the Trinity Centre and the Trinity Youth and Children's Project; for our new music group following the loss of the organist last year; for the continued growth of the congregation that we might find appropriate ways of nurturing the new people coming into lifelong discipleship. Diocese of Aru (Congo). Bishop Georges Andre.</p>
Wednesday 15th Sigfrid, bishop, 1045 Thomas Bray, priest, founder of SPCK and SPG, 1730	<p>St Mark, South Thornaby, St Peter Ad Vincula Clergy: The Revd Mark Catherall, Churchwardens: Tom Higgin, Ray Williams. Give thanks for our ongoing work with the primary schools especially the C of E School and their recent 'Good' SIAS report. Please pray for the building up of the Sunday School, the congregation of S. Mark's as we await the insurance decision concerning the challenge of re-roofing the church and the sterling work done by our Fundraising and Social Committee members. For a renewed relationship of the Churches Together in Thornaby and their collective witness to the Gospel. Diocese of Asaba (Bendel, Nigeria). Bishop Justus Mogeckwu.</p>

Thursday 16th	<p>St John South Bank Clergy: The Revd Terry Leathley, Churchwardens: Richard Woolbar, Ann Hornby Please pray for the Church of St John the Evangelist in South Bank, giving thanks for its vision to reach out to its community, being in the community for the community. Give thanks for the success of the Mother and Toddler group and little John's Fun Club, reaching out to 5 - 8 yr olds and has an average of attendance in the twenties. Pray for our new venture of St John's Soup Bowl, a subtle attempt to reach out to who through financial difficulties are unable to feed themselves within the community, as well as planting a Christian seed of self worth and moral values. Diocese of Athabasca (Rupert's Land, Canada). Bishop Fraser Lawton.</p>
Friday 17th Janani Luwum, archbishop, martyr, 1977	<p>St Cuthbert, Ormesby Clergy: The Revd Robert Brown, Readers: Janet Caldwell, Carol Sunley, Churchwardens: Brenda Chapman, Roy Ward As Robert prepares for retirement on Easter Sunday 2012 we give thanks for a busy and a happy ministry. Please pray for us as we continue to commit ourselves to mission and most especially we ask for your prayers for the many who, each year, have contact with St Cuthbert's. We give God thanks for a growing church and we go forward to our future in faith. Diocese of Atlanta (IV, The Episcopal Church). Bishop John Alexander.</p>
Saturday 18th	<p>St Martin of Tours w St Cuthbert, Middlesbrough Clergy: Vacancy, The Revd Judy Cook Please pray for the parish as we entered a vacancy at the start of this year. Gives thanks for the faithfulness of the people of God in this place in the past year, and also for all those who are coming forward for baptism. Diocese of Auckland (Aotearoa NZ and Polynesia). Bishop Ross Bay.</p>
Sunday 19th Sunday next before Lent	<p>St Mary West Acklam Clergy: The Revd John Hearn, The Revd Daniel Cooke, Reader: Stewart Shaller, Churchwardens: Jenny Lomas, Lyn Hunter Please pray for our New Initiative sign up to "Friends of St Mary's"- see our website (stmarywestacklam.org.uk). Pray too for the new year and our outreach to the community, and for our Reader and Church Wardens and the members of the PCC. Pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America. Archbishop Armando Soria.</p>
Monday 20th	<p>St Chad, St Oswald, Middlesbrough Clergy: The Revd Sue Richardson, Church Wardens: John Larry and Irene Goohall, Frank Hadfield and Carol Hinton, Give thanks for the ministry our Readers Kath Dean, Colin Worswick and Frank Hadfield. Please pray for the development of our benefice, that the two congregations will continue to grow closer together in worship, mission and friendship. Pray for our work with children in Beech Grove and Newham Bridge Schools and in the two Kids clubs - pray for some new volunteers for this work. Diocese of Aweil (Sudan). Bishop Abraham Nhial.</p>
Tuesday 21st	<p>Mission to Seafarers Anglican Chaplain: The Revd Colin Worswick Our quiet ministry of welcome has a deep and often life-changing impact: the volunteer who greets a tired and lonely seafarer with a friendly smile; the chaplain who offers a prayer for safe passage; the centre manager who provides warm clothing and phone cards so a young cadet can call his mum - it is these simple gifts of faith in action which makes the Mission a home away from home for those who need it most. Please pray for all involved in this ministry. Diocese of Awgu/Aninri (Niger, Nigeria). Bishop Emmanuel Ugwu.</p>
Wednesday 22nd Ash Wednesday	<p>Diocese of York 'SPIDIR' – An Ecumenical Course in Spiritual Direction Please pray for the 2012-2013 SPIDIR Course which began in January, that God will bless the 22 participants, the coordinating group and the leaders of the monthly sessions; and may God uphold all who are called to accompany others in their journey of faith Diocese of Awka (Niger, Nigeria). Bishop Alexander Ibezim.</p>