



Diocese of York Prayer Diary - April 2018

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

ACTS 435
Administrator: Jenny Herrera
ACTS 435 is a charity set up by the Archbishop of York that seeks to put people in need in touch with those who can help through their local churches. Please pray for the Advocates gathering at Bishopthorpe today, that they will be encouraged by the stories that they hear of the difference that ACTS 435 has made in the lives of more than 14,000 people so far. Please pray that more churches will become part of the ACTS 435 network.
Diocese of Central Florida (IV, The Episcopal Church). Bishop Gregory Brewer.

Tuesday 24th April
Mellitus, bishop, 624
Seven Martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 2003

Wydale Hall
Hall Community: Mark Rance (and Diana), Helen Lawrence, and all the staff team.
We give thanks for the appointment of a new catering manager for Wydale and pray for Pam as she settles into life here. Pray for the ongoing vision of the hall to be a Prayerful Community Renewing the Church's Mission, and how we might continue to grow the community here through volunteers and our residential community.
Diocese of Central Newfoundland (Canada, Canada). Bishop John Watton.

Wednesday 25th April
Mark the Evangelist

Diocesan Strategy
Please pray for the work under our Goal to 'Reach those we currently don't' – that the 20s-40s working group, led by the Archdeacon of the East Riding, might have wisdom as they prepare a bid for national funding in support of a substantial investment in mission, and that the People in Poverty group, led by the Bishop of Hull, continue to be inspired as they discern the ways in which we can best reach and disciple those in the more deprived parts of our Diocese.
Diocese of Central Philippines (Philippines). Bishop Dixie Taclobao.

Thursday 26th April

Archdeacon for Sustainable Giving
The Venerable Sam Rushton
Please pray for Sam as she talks with clergy chapters, PCCs and others about money and giving as a part of our discipleship. Pray that she will speak into the various situations in such a way that will give light and encouragement for the way ahead. Pray for all those involved in stewarding our finances as we seek to grow as Generous Churches Making and Nurturing Disciples.
Diocese of Central New York (II, The Episcopal Church). Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe.

Friday 27th April
Christina Rossetti, poet, 1894

Archbishop's Deanery Mission to Guisborough
Please pray for all involved in the Deanery Mission to Guisborough as part of the Archbishop's programme of Deanery Missions. Please give thanks for all who have worked so hard to organise the Mission. Please pray for all those attending the events, and for those inviting them, that the good news of God made visible in Jesus Christ will bring transformation to the lives of many.
Diocese of Central Solomons (Melanesia). Bishop Ben Seka.

Saturday 28th April
Peter Chanel, missionary, martyr, 1841

Diocesan Board of Finance
Chair: Maureen Loffill
Please pray for the York Diocesan Board of Finance as it focuses its role to support the achievement of the diocesan strategic goals to Reach the people we currently don't, Move to growth and Establish sustainable giving. We give thanks for the encouragement of our congregations through the wide consultation process which has strongly endorsed the strategic goals.
Diocese of Central Tanganyika (Tanzania). Bishop Dickson Chilongani.

Sunday 29th April
5th Sunday of Easter

Diocese of Manchester
The Rt Revd David Walker
Manchester is an urban diocese with significant areas of deprivation. We give thanks for good inter-faith relations; an increasingly diverse church; and fifty people starting training as Authorised Lay Ministers. Please pray for our work with the homeless and continued healing as the anniversary approaches of the Manchester Arena attack.
Pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East. Archbishop Suheil Dawani.

Monday 30th April
Pandita Mary Ramabai, translator, 1922

Manchester Cathedral
Dean: The Very Revd Rogers Govender
We pray for the leading of God's Spirit as we seek to be a mission shaped Cathedral. We ask God's blessing on our Development Project as we develop our fabric for mission and transforming service.
Diocese of Central Zambia (Central Africa). Bishop Derek Kamukwamba

Sunday 1st April
Easter Day

We rejoice with the whole church throughout the world in the glorious resurrection of Christ. With our sisters and brothers in our link dioceses in South Africa, and with one another, we proclaim, 'Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!'
Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Monday 2nd April
Monday of Easter Week

Bishopthorpe Palace
The Most Revd and Rt Hon Dr John Sentamu
Chief of Staff: The Revd Malcolm Macnaughton, Chaplain and Researcher: The Revd Dr Daphne Green, Domestic Chaplain: The Revd Richard Carew, and all the Staff at Bishopthorpe Palace.
Please pray for the Archbishop and for all the staff working in support of the Archbishop's ministry.
Diocese of Butare (Rwanda). Bishop Nathan Gasatura.

Tuesday 3rd April
Tuesday of Easter Week

Guisborough Deanery
Area Dean: The Revd Rachel Harrison
Guisborough Deanery consists of both coast and country parishes. Please join us in praying for a regeneration of our industrial heritage, for those dedicated to promoting tourism and for all who work to enhance the lives of those living with the challenges of rural life. As we prepare for our Archbishop's Mission Weekend we pray that the Holy Spirit will empower us to join together and reach out to the wider community.
Diocese of Butere (Kenya). Bishop Timothy Wambunya.

Wednesday 4th April
Wednesday of Easter Week

All Saints, Skelton with Upleatham, St Aidan, Boosebeck and St Chad's Lingdale
Clergy: The Revd Valerie Haynes, Retired clergy The Revd Geoff Wood, Reader Martyn Marsh.
Churchwardens: Geoff Scott, Alison Husband, Sue Gauchi.
Pray that we will see the fruits of our Lenten mission and endeavours. Give thanks for our church shop volunteers, PCC's and those who work tirelessly for the good and benefit of the churches and our communities. Pray for a joyful 50 days of Eastertide and that we may grow together as Easter people.
Diocese of Buye (Burundi). Bishop Sixbert Macumi.

Thursday 5th April
Thursday of Easter Week

St Margaret, Brotton Parva
Clergy: The Revd Jonathan Rhodes, Churchwardens: Lynne Richards, Dennis Housam
We continue to pray for the 'Lifting the Vision' project as we prepare to submit our plans for restoration and re-ordering to the DAC. We pray for the schools in the parish; Badger Hill Primary Academy, Kilton Thorpe Specialist Academy and Freebrough Academy. We pray especially for our Church school, St Peter's C of E Primary, as it prepares to join the Galileo MAT; for Richard Unthank its headteacher and for all staff, governors and pupils at this time of change.
Diocese of Byumba (Rwanda). Bishop Emmanuel Ngendahayo.

Friday 6th April
Friday of Easter Week

Christ Church, Coatham and All Saints, Dormanstown
Clergy: The Revd Rebecca Haughey, Churchwardens: Carol Upton, Syd Taylor, Margaret Hammond, Dave Stones.
Please pray for us as we discern how to move forward following the Leading Your Church into Growth conference, and for our witness to the people of Coatham and Dormanstown. We would also be thankful for your prayers as we negotiate applying to the Heritage Lottery Fund for funds to maintain the stonework on the spire of Christ Church, Coatham.
Diocese of Calabar (Niger Delta, Nigeria). Bishop Tunde Adeleye.

Saturday 7th April
Saturday of Easter Week

All Saints Easington, St Michael's, Liverton, St Hilda's, Liverton Mine
Clergy: Vacancy, Churchwardens: Vicky Rushin-Chape, Edwin Snowdon, Karen Ward
Please pray for the growth of collective and creative lay ministry to rise to the challenge of outreach and renewal in our period of vacancy. Also please pray that the ongoing success of work with children and the elderly in Liverton Mines may inspire new choices throughout the benefice.
Diocese of Calcutta (North India). Bishop Ashoke Biswas.

Sunday 8th April
2nd Sunday of Easter

St Leonard Loftus in Cleveland, St Helen Carlin How with Skinningrove
Clergy: The Revd Adam Gaunt, Reader: Jeanne Parncutt, Churchwardens: Kath Marshall, Jeanne Parncutt, Marjorie Veal, Malcolm White
Please pray for our work with children and young people as we give thanks for our growing Junior Choir and Sunday School.
Pray for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. Archbishop James Wong Yin Song.

Monday 9th April Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary	<p>St Cuthbert, Kirkleatham, St Hilda, Kirkleatham Clergy: The Revd Matt Strand, Parish Assistant: Sr Anita Smith, Reader: George Featherston, Retired Clergy: The Revd David Lambert, The Revd Billy Barnes Please pray for our building project, securing grant funding is essential as we seek to replace the now-demolished St Hilda's Church. As we meet in our temporary home and continue to worship in St Cuthbert's please pray for growth and for our engagement with children and young people. Diocese of Caledonia (British Columbia and the Yukon, Canada). Bishop David Lehmann</p>
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Tuesday 10th April William Law, priest, spiritual writer, 1761 William of Ockham, friar, philosopher, teacher of the faith, 1347	<p>St Nicholas, Guisborough Clergy: The Revd Alison Phillipson, Retired Clergy: The Revd Marian Gardner, The Revd David Cook, The Revd Stuart East, Readers: Sue Hill, Geoff Hill, Churchwardens: Alwyn Jones, John Douglass. Please pray with us as we give thanks for all that God is doing in this place. We give thanks for those who have joined our congregation lately, that we may all work together as we seek to grow in discipleship and faithfulness. We pray for and give thanks for the increasing number of couples who are coming here to be married. We particularly ask for God's blessing on our major re-ordering plans, as we seek to make our building more versatile and welcoming as a place where people can be nurtured in faith and enabled in mission. Diocese of California (VIII, The Episcopal Church). Bishop Marc Andrus.</p>
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Wednesday 11th April George Selwyn, bishop, 1878	<p>Ordination of Readers as Deacons Following the Archbishop's Pilot in Northern Ryedale Deanery inviting Readers to explore Ordination as Deacons, and the subsequent discernment process, please pray for Patricia Wood and Kingsley Boulton as they are ordained as Deacon this evening. Please pray for the parishes where they will be serving, and for all that God will do in their ongoing ministry. Give thanks for the ministry of our Readers and for all those who offer themselves in the service of God and His Church. Diocese of Cameroon (West Africa, West Africa). Bishop Dibo Elango.</p>
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Thursday 12th April	<p>St Mark, Marske in Cleveland Clergy: The Revd David Terban, Reader: Janet Dack, Churchwardens: Sue Sotheran, Peter Tinkler, Retired Clergy: The Revd Ron Smith Please give thanks for all that was learnt on the recent LYCiG Conference and pray for all those who will be involved in putting into practice the ideas generated to reach out and grow the church. As we give thanks for all those who serve so faithfully in in this parish, please pray for the Revd Ron Smith who is seriously ill. Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn (New South Wales, Australia). Bishop Stuart Robinson</p>
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Friday 13th April	<p>Archbishop's Deanery Mission to Mowbray Please pray for all involved in the Deanery Mission to Mowbray as part of the Archbishop's programme of Deanery Missions. Please give thanks for all who have worked so hard to organise the Mission. Please pray for all those attending the events, and for those inviting them, that the good news of God made visible in Jesus Christ will bring transformation to the lives of many. Pray for the Diocese of Canterbury. Archbishop Justin Welby.</p>
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Saturday 14th April	<p>St Cuthbert, Wilton Reader: Christine Hill, Church Wardens: Dorothy McKenna, Ed Evans, RPAs: Ed Evans, Christine Fairless. We give grateful thanks for the continued support of the Retired Clergy. Pray for our confirmation candidates in their preparations. Give us wisdom as we seek to grow in spirituality and numbers. Diocese of Cape Coast (Ghana, West Africa). Bishop Victor Atta-Baffoe.</p>
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Sunday 15th April 3rd Sunday of Easter	<p>St Peter, Redcar Clergy: The Revd Rachel Harrison, Readers: Chris Bowers, RPA: Claire Soderman, Retired Clergy: The Revd Bruce Harrison, The Revd Stephen Fisher, Ministry Team: Anne Hagen, Steve Graham, Sister Louisa Ann OHP St Peter's Church is dedicated to serving other people whilst strengthening our own sense of belonging. Please give thanks for our many volunteers. We pray especially that through reaching out in service we might be empowered to lead enquirers to discover faith for themselves and that lives might be transformed by the Light of Christ shining into their dark worlds. Pray for The Church of Ireland. Archbishop Richard Clarke.</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

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Monday 16th April Isabella Gilmore, deaconess, 1923	<p>Emmanuel, Saltburn-by-the-Sea with St Thomas, New Marske Clergy: The Revd Adam Reed, Reader: Olwyn Cooke, Churchwardens: Steph Hanczik, Sue Welburn, Jackie Abbley, Brian Kirk, Retired Clergy: The Revd David Lester, The Revd Graham Pacey, The Revd Matthew Holland, The Revd Ian Guy Faithful God, whose Son Jesus Christ is our Emmanuel, we thank you for sustaining and blessing the parish churches of Saltburn and New Marske. May your Holy Spirit guide and empower their members in bearing witness to the gospel of grace that alone brings salvation and comfort, joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Diocese of Carlisle (York, England). Bishop James Newcome.</p>
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Tuesday 17th April	<p>North Holderness Deanery Area Dean: The Revd Anne White, Lay Dean: Shirley Hebden We continue to give thanks for this small rural Deanery and the joy of working together. We continue to pray for our Open the Book teams and look forward to developing this further. We ask for wisdom and the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we begin to think about our Deanery Plan. Diocese of Cashel and Ossory (Dublin, Ireland). Bishop Michael Burrows.</p>
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Wednesday 18th April	<p>St Bartholomew, Aldbrough, St Giles, Goxhill, All Saints, Mappleton, St Alban Witherwick Clergy: The Revd Anne White, RPA: Antoinette Butlin, Churchwardens: Christine Longstaff, Kath Moore, Brian Rhodes, Ruth Skinner, David Smith, Anne Wood We give thanks for the fact that work has now begun on the roof at Witherwick. Following our first Benefice Weekend at Wydale we pray for wisdom in discerning our next steps. We pray too for Aldbrough Primary School as they look to welcoming a new headteacher in September. Diocese of Central Buganda (Uganda). Bishop Michael Lubowa.</p>
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Thursday 19th April Alphege, archbishop, martyr, 1012	<p>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, Siggleshorpe Clergy: The Revd Andy Simpson. The Revd Maureen Desborough, Retired Clergy: The Revd Lawrence Trender, Readers: Malcolm Head, Helen Wastling, Catherine Drake. Please pray for: the leadership teams in each parish as we seek to work more closely together; the benefice pastoral care team; our Occasional Office Ministry, our children and young peoples' ministry; the work in our three Church schools and for the planned community outreach and fundraising events that will take place over the coming months. Please also pray for Maureen and Catherine as they prepare to move on to new pastures and for the Holy Spirit's guidance as we rethink how, with reduced resources, we fulfil God's mission in this place. Pray for Capetown and South Africa. Archbishop Thabo Makgoba.</p>
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Friday 20th April	<p>Parishes of Beeford with Lissett & Dunnington, North Frodingham, Foston on the Wolds, Brandesburton and Leven Clergy: The Revd James Grainger-Smith, Reader: Shirley Hebden We give thanks for the many opportunities we find to share the love of Christ with the different communities here. We pray that, by the Holy Spirit, God would give us grace and discernment as we seek to serve Him in this place. Diocese of Central Busoga (Uganda). Bishop Patrick Wakula.</p>
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Saturday 21st April Anselm, abbot, archbishop, teacher of the faith, 1109	<p>St Lawrence Atwick, St Nicholas Hornsea, All Saints Skipsea Clergy: The Revd Tina Minett Stevens, Reader: Janet Armstrong, Churchwardens: Jan Armstrong, Andrew Eastwood, Greg Taylor We give thanks for the arrival of our new Parish Priest and continue to pray for her as she settles in to her new role. We pray too for each of our churches as we seek to reach our local communities and also to support one another in the work of Mission. Please pray for us as we begin to put into practice all that was learnt on the recent LYCiG conference. Diocese of Central Equador (XI, The Episcopal Church). Bishop Victor Scantlebury.</p>
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Sunday 22nd April 4th Sunday of Easter	<p>Diocesan Retirement Officers The Revd Brian Harris. The Revd Tony Lindsey, The Revd David Cook Remember with thanksgiving and pray for the pastoral ministry of Retirement Officers; for all pensioned clergy and the regular contribution many still make to the life and worship of the Church and without whose ministry many congregations would have less frequent services; pray for their spouses and all clergy widows and widowers, especially those who feel isolated; give thanks and pray for the welcome and pastoral care of the incumbents of the parishes and the local congregations where they live and worship. Pray for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan). Archbishop Nathaniel Uematsu.</p>
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