

Thursday  
23rd  
January,  
**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Day 6**  
Loving God, Your Son Jesus Christ broke bread and shared the cup with His friends. May we grow in closer communion when we share our pain and suffering. Encouraged by St Paul and the early Christians, give us strength to build bridges of compassion, solidarity and harmony. In the power of the Holy Spirit, we ask this in the name of Your Son, who gives His life that we might live. Amen.  
**Diocese of Llandaff, Wales. Bishop June Osborne.**

Friday 24th  
January,  
Francis de  
Sales, bishop,  
teacher of  
the faith,  
1622  
**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Day 7**  
God of the orphan, the widow and the stranger, instil in our hearts a deep sense of hospitality. when You ask us to feed You, to clothe You and to visit You those with ears to hear, listen, those with eyes to see, look. May our churches participate in the ending of hunger, thirst and isolation and in overcoming barriers that prevent the welcoming of all people. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus, who is present in the least of our sisters and brothers. Amen.  
**Diocese of Lokoja, Nigeria. Archbishop Emmanuel Egbunu.**

Saturday  
25th January.  
Conversion  
of Paul  
**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Day 8**  
Almighty God, we turn to You with repentant hearts. In our sincere quest for Your truth, purify us from our unjust opinions of others and lead the churches to grow in communion. Help us let go of our fears, and so better understand each other and the stranger in our midst, and dare to love the rejected. We ask this in the name of the Just One, Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.  
**Diocese of Lomea, South Sudan. Archbishop Paul Yugusuk.**

Sunday 26th  
January.  
3rd Sunday  
of Epiphany  
**Diocese of Leeds**  
The Rt Revd Nicholas Baines  
The Diocese of Leeds is now nearly six years old and we are reviewing who we are and how we operate. Please pray that our diocesan strategy, driving our resourcing policy and support of parishes, will be embedded at every level in the year to come. The appointment of a new Diocesan Secretary is crucial.  
**The Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil. Archbishop Naudal Alves Gomes.**

Monday 27th  
January.  
**Ripon Cathedral**  
The Very Revd John Dobson  
Pray for Ripon Cathedral as it works with its vision - Growing God's Kingdom. Give thanks for the development of community partnerships in the city and region, and for joint mission with our sister cathedrals of Bradford and Wakefield across the Diocese of Leeds.  
**Diocese of London, England. Bishop Sarah Mullally.**

Tuesday  
28th January.  
Thomas  
Aquinas,  
priest,  
philosopher,  
1274  
**Diocesan Advisory Committee**  
Chair: The Revd Canon John Weetman; DAC Secretary: Catherine Copp; Diocesan Church Buildings' Advisor: Keith Halliday; Administrative Assistant: Rebecca West.  
Please pray for Catherine, Keith & Rebecca, the Archdeacons, DAC members and advisors, the Diocesan Chancellor and Registry in their work of assisting parishes in the stewardship of their buildings.  
**Diocese of Long Island (The Episcopal Church). Bishop Lawrence Provenzano.**

Wednesday  
29th January.  
**Diocesan Board of Education**  
Chair: Bishop Paul Ferguson; Director: Andrew Smith.  
Celebrate all that enhances young people's lives in schools, academies and colleges. Pray for the re-shaped work led by Children & Youth Adviser, Carolyn Edwards, and for school, church and household to be mutually-strengthening settings of growing faith.  
**Diocese of Los Angeles (The Episcopal Church). Bishop John Taylor.**

Thursday  
30th January.  
Charles, king  
and martyr,  
1649  
**Chester Cathedral**  
Dean: The Very Revd Tim Stratford  
Chester Cathedral is a place of "discovery, encounter and faith", standing proudly in the middle of its bustling historic city centre. We aim to share the gospel through worship, word and art and are confronted with more than enough opportunity. Pray for our prioritisation and faithful discernment.  
**Diocese of Louisiana (The Episcopal Church). Bishop Morris Thompson, Jr.**

Friday 31st  
January.  
John Bosco,  
priest,  
founder of  
the Salesian  
Teaching  
Order, 1888  
**Diocese of Chester**  
The Rt Revd Keith Sinclair, Bishop of Birkenhead  
Almighty God, who sent Jesus Christ to be the cornerstone of Your Kingdom and to call us to follow Him; guide your Church, by the Holy Spirit, to show love and mercy as we build Your Kingdom. We pray for the person You are calling to be the next Bishop of Chester; bless, guide and strengthen them to answer Your call; in the name of Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.  
**Diocese of Luapula, Central Africa. Bishop Robert Mumbi.**



# Diocese of York Prayer Diary - January 2020

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Wednesday 1st  
January.  
Naming and  
Circumcision of  
Jesus  
Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as He came to share in our humanity, so we may share in the life of His divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.  
**Diocese of Lagos, Nigeria. Bishop Humphery Olumakaiye.**

Thursday 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 Canon John Ford; Lay Chair: Kate Brown; Deanery Readers: Avril Rhodes and Stuart Turner; Chapter Clerk: The Revd Paul Peverell; Secretary: David Local; Deanery Finance Advisor: Martin Bailey.  
Stokesley Deanery extends from Middlesbrough to the North Yorkshire Moors. Parishes include suburban areas, social housing, market towns, commuter villages and rural villages. Please pray for the Deanery as we explore ways of supporting one another, as we develop the Deanery Plan, seeking to discover God's plan for the most effective way of ministering across the Deanery. We give thanks for the support of the clergy, Self-Supporting Ministers, Readers and Retired Clergy in covering services and pastoral care in the vacant parishes. Please pray especially for the parishes of Stokesley with Seamer-in-Cleveland, Stainton, Hilton and Brookfield, which are vacant.  
**Diocese of Lahore, Pakistan. Bishop Irfan Jamil.**

Friday 3rd  
January.  
**St Margaret, Brookfield; St Peter, Hilton; St Peter and Paul, Stainton-in-Cleveland**  
Clergy: Vacant; Churchwardens: Colin Mason, Vernon Clare, Sally Hamlin and Barbara Sowerby. Please pray that with "Filling Stations", which bring Christians together in the parish for worship, praise and study will continue to flourish. Pray also that reorganisation may lead to initiatives which allow lay leaders to emerge and that a faithful priest will soon be appointed to lead the parish into the future, which currently seems uncertain.  
**Diocese of Lainya, South Sudan. Vacant.**

Saturday 4th  
January.  
**St Francis of Assisi, Ingleby Barwick; St Francis CE Primary; All Saints CE School**  
Clergy: The Revd Clay Roundtree, The Revd David Charlton and 'Multiply' Minister, The Revd Nik Stevenson; Churchwardens: Janet Gyllenspetz and Judy Hall; Headteachers: Louise Proberts and Ashleigh Lees.  
Pray for David and Catherine Charlton as they retire from ministry at St Francis' Church in February. Please pray also for the development of a new worshipping community under the leadership of Nik.  
**Diocese of Lake Malawi, Central Africa. Bishop Francis Kaulanda.**

Sunday 5th  
January.  
2nd Sunday of  
Christmas  
**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: Dr David Heading; Retired Clergy: The Revd Geoffrey Haysmore; Churchwardens: John Coverdale, Pat Coverdale, Dennis Easton, Carol McGee, Neil Glover, Andrew Sutcliffe and Ros Tomlinson; RPAs: Sarah Weyell, Carol McGee and Bev Workman. Please give thanks for increasing numbers attending our Pram Service and pray for integrating the families into our Family Service. Please give thanks too for good Harvest Festivals in all our parishes. Please pray for strengthening relationships between our parishes, for the launch of our Benefice Cookery Book and for our schools' work.  
**The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.**

Monday 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 Lake Rukwa, Tanzania. Bishop Mathayo Kasagara.**

Should you have any queries regarding the Prayer Diary (www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/prayerdiary), please do not hesitate to contact The Revd Simon Bray via email: prayerdiary@archbishopofyork.org or 'phone: 01904 707021

Tuesday 7th January.	<p><b>St Timothy, Hemlington</b></p> <p>Clergy: The Revd Rob Desics; Churchwardens: Susan Blewitt and Christine Thompson. Please pray for the ongoing process to close the parish church due to structural problems. Pray for the church officers and PCC as we seek to find a way forward to continue to serve our community with no building of our own in which to base our activities. Please pray for those groups and organisations that once used our church building, and the wider community, as we come to terms with the loss of our physical presence in the parish. Please pray for those who are working with us to discern God’s plan for our future, both short term and long term.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Lango, Uganda. Bishop Alfred Olwa.</b></p>
Wednesday 8th January.	<p><b>Christ Church, Great Ayton with Easby and St Oswald, Newton under Roseberry; Marwood CE Infant School</b></p> <p>Clergy: The Revd Paul Peverell, The Revd Geoff Jaques and The Revd Jon Dean; Readers: Peter Titchmarsh and Margaret Lewis; Reader in Training: Nick Land; Churchwardens: Helen Land and Rob Pepper (Ayton), Chris Stinson and Matt Hulbert (Newton). Pray for our Churches as we seek to encourage a culture of Come &amp; See throughout the year. Give thanks for all our Church Officers, good links with our schools, and for our wedding ministry. Pray for help with youth work. Give thanks for staff as they also help out at Stokesley during their vacancy.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Langtang, Nigeria. Bishop Stanley Fube.</b></p>
Thursday 9th January.	<p><b>St Mary, Nunthorpe</b></p> <p>Clergy: The Revd Tessa Stephens, The Revd Laura Wild, The Revd Pat Harrison and The Revd John Blakesley; Reader: Janet Hinton; Churchwardens: David Young and Mike Arnott. We thank God for the faithful ministry of the church community and the growth of our children’s work and Cafe service over the last year. We ask for prayer as we start the LYCiG Local course, that we might be encouraged and inspired, as we work together to share the gospel with people of all generations.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Lebombo, Southern Africa. Bishop Carlos Simao Matsinhe.</b></p>
Friday 10th January. William Laud, archbishop, 1645	<p><b>Archbishop of York’s Leadership Team</b></p> <p>Pray for the Archbishop’s Leadership Team as they meet today. Pray for wisdom as they discern the will of the Holy Spirit and continue to seek opportunities to share the good news of the gospel.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Leeds, England. Bishop Nicholas Baines.</b></p>
Saturday 11th January. Mary Slessor, missionary, 1915	<p><b>St Peter &amp; St Paul, Stokesley; St Martin, Seamer-in-Cleveland</b></p> <p>Clergy: Vacant during January; Retired Clergy: The Revd Malcolm Spenceley; Reader: Noel Harker; Churchwardens: Judith Turland and John Groom. We give thanks for The Revd Paul Hutchinson’s 10 years’ ministry as Rector (and his time as Archdeaconry Ecumenical Advisor and General Synod member) and pray for him as he becomes Priest in Ely Diocese. We also give thanks for The Revd Alison Hutchinson’s ministry here, and pray for her future ministry. Please pray for parish officers and deanery clergy as they do more during the vacancy, for an early appointment, and for the parish’s work towards generous giving.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Leicester, England. Bishop Martyn Snow.</b></p>
Sunday 12th January. Baptism of Christ; 1st Sunday of Epiphany	<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 &amp; Faceby CE Primary</b></p> <p>Clergy: The Revds Robert Opala and David Sudron; Readers: Gordon Clarke, Su Raid; Ordinand: Lisa Opala. We thank God for the ministry and mission of His Church over so many years in all our Parishes, which now create the new Benefice of Whorlton. We ask that the Holy Spirit will make this benefice a place of prayer, compassion and care, where people may freely search and find God of Jesus Christ. We also pray that every person in our benefice will find help in these words: <i>Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you. God alone suffices</i> (Teresa of Avila).</p> <p><b>The Anglican Church of Australia. Archbishop Philip Freier.</b></p>
Monday 13th January. Hilary, bishop, teacher of the faith, 367	<p><b>St Mary Magdalene, Yarm</b></p> <p>Clergy: The Revd Canon John Ford (Rector) and The Revd Peter Elliott; Wardens: Marion Johnston and John Rhodes; Readers: Avril Rhodes and David Local. Please pray for the parish as it moves the Parish Plan forward with an emphasis on growth and financial sustainability as we seek to make and nurture disciples in Yarm. At the same time the Parish continues to work closely with Kirklevington and Worsall in the new benefice. Pray also for our work with young families—in the Pram Service, the “Funday Sunday Sparkle” and through HomeStart—and for the elderly and infirm, through our work in the care homes, as we reach out to those in need.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Lesotho, Southern Africa. Bishop Adam Mallane Taaso.</b></p>

Tuesday 14th January.	<p><b>St Martin and St Hilary, Kirklevington; All Saints, Picton and Worsall</b></p> <p>Clergy: The Revd Canon John Ford (Rector); Reader: Kate Brown; Churchwardens: Kate Brown, Elsi Hampton and Richard Ward. Please pray for the parish as we work with Yarm in the new benefice and as we consider how best to engage in active mission and to make the parish financially secure for the future. Pray also that the signs of growth resulting from the initiatives in the school will continue.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Lexington (The Episcopal Church). Bishop Mark van Koevering.</b></p>
Wednesday 15th January.	<p><b>Anglican Primates’ Meeting, 13-17 January 2020</b></p> <p>Please pray for the Anglican Primates’ meeting taking place in Jordan. May the Holy Spirit guide them in their discussions and may they be filled with joy and zeal to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and to be great witnesses throughout the Anglican Communion.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Liberia, West Africa. Archbishop Jonathan Hart.</b></p>
Thursday 16th January.	<p><b>‘Come and See’ Northern Bishops’ Mission to the Diocese of York, 12-15 March 2020</b></p> <p>Please pray for Deaneries, Benefices and Chaplaincies as they organise Come and See events and pray for everyone in our churches as we invite families, friends and neighbours to join in. And for the visiting Bishops as they and their teams prepare to join us.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Lichfield, England. Bishop Michael Igrave.</b></p>
Friday 17th January. Antony of Egypt, hermit, abbot, 356; Charles Gore, bishop, founder of the Community of the Resurrection, 1932	<p><b>Prison HMP and YO1 Kirklevington Grange</b></p> <p>Please pray for all those who reside here and their efforts to get their lives back on track; for their families; for the staff who support them and for all the multi-faith chaplaincy team who work together to meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of residents and staff.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Limerick and Killaloe, Ireland. Bishop Kenneth Kearon.</b></p>
Saturday 18th January. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18-25 January. Amy Carmichael, founder of the Dohnavur Fellowship, spiritual writer, 1951	<p><b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Theme: Unusual kindness. Day 1</b></p> <p>Reconciling God, as we feel the pain of past mistakes, shy away and retreat to individual strongholds; help us surrender a false sense of who we are, all that tethers us, and all that we hold precious. Bind us to humility and compassion, as we learn together, to receive from You, abide in You and Your love. Amen.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Lincoln, England. Bishop David Court (Acting Bishop).</b></p>
Sunday 19th January. 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	<p><b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Day 2</b></p> <p>Father, Your precious word illumines our steps and without You we remain lost and disorientated. Holy Spirit, teach us through Your word and each other to travel our Father’s path together, walking gently on Creation. May each gathering of Your people in churches everywhere crave Your guiding, consoling and transforming presence. Give us the honesty we need to recognise when we lose or obscure Your light for others. Give us grace to hold onto You, ready and able to share Your light. We ask this in the name of Your Son Jesus, who calls us His followers, to be light to the world. Amen.</p> <p><b>The united Church of Bangladesh.</b></p>
Monday 20th January. Richard Rolle, spiritual writer, 1349	<p><b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Day 3</b></p> <p>God of mercy, lost and disheartened, we turn to You. Instil in us Your hope and courage. May our churches strive for the unity for which Your Son prayed on the eve of His passion. We ask this through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Litoral Ecuador (The Episcopal Church). Bishop Alfredo Morante.</b></p>
Tuesday 21st January. Agnes, child martyr, 304	<p><b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Day 4</b></p> <p>God of mercy, lost and disheartened, we turn to You. Instil in us Your hope and courage. May our churches strive for the unity for which Your Son prayed on the eve of His passion. We ask this through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.</p> <p><b>Diocese of Liverpool, England. Bishop Paul Bayes.</b></p>
Wednesday 22nd January. Vincent of Saragossa, deacon, martyr, 304	<p><b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Day 5</b></p> <p>Almighty God, our personal suffering leads us to cry out in pain and we shrink in fear when we experience sickness, anxiety or the death of loved ones. Teach us to trust You. May the churches we belong to be signs of Your providential care. Make us true disciples of Your Son who taught us to listen to Your word and to serve one another. In confidence we ask this in the name of Your Son, and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.</p> <p><b>Diocese of St David, Wales. Bishop Joanna Penberthy.</b></p>