| Wednesday 24th March. Walter Hilton, mystic, 1396. Paul Couturier, priest, ecumenist, 1953. | St Mary with Holy Apostles, Scarborough Clergy: The Revd Richard Walker, The Revd Hannah Madin, The Revd Jake Madin, The Revd Dr Arleen Ingham, The Revd Pam Jennings, The Revd John Wells; Retired Clergy: The Revd Ros Walser, The Revd Donald Werner, The Revd Keith Ranger; Readers: Alan Courtney, Tim Bates; Churchwardens: Ken | Workk | Diocese of York Prayer Diary - March 2021 www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/prayerdiary |
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| Oscar Romero, archbishop, martyr, 1980 | Ascott, Angela Witty. Pray as we experience restructuring of services and congregations through Covid-19 and digital technology that we would remain outward-facing, compassionate and generous. Pray for our Multiply Ministers establishing new worshipping communities in a place of poverty, and our ongoing ministry to those with mental illness and deep physical need. Diocese of Ballarat. The Anglican Church of Australia. | 1st March. David, bishop, patron of Wales, c.601 Tuesday 2nd March. Chad, bishop, missionary, 672 | Area Dean: The Revd Nick Bird; Lay Dean: Paul Botting; Synod Secretary: Alison Gilmour; Financial Adviser: Vacant. |
| | | | Derwent Deanery stretches for some 20 miles from Stockton on the Forest in the north, down to the outskirts of Selby. Our deanery is going through a period of significant change, particularly in terms of clergy and possible pastoral reorganisation. Please pray for our Deanery Leadership Team as it seeks to develop mission and partnership across the deanery, and for all who minister and witness to the gospe throughout the deanery. Diocese of Armidale. The Anglican Church of Australia. |
| Thursday 25th March. Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary | St Luke, Scarborough Clergy: Vacant; Assistant Priest: The Revd David Pynn; Reader: Alan McKie; Churchwarden: Christine Garside. This is a time of change for St Luke's. We are currently in vacancy and were linked with St Laurence's, Scalby. The proposal is that we should now become a plurality with St Mark's, Newby which will facilitate the work of mission and ministry in Barrowcliffe, an area of deprivation in the Parish. We will benefit from prayer for The Revd David Pynn, Alan McKie, and Christine Garside, and members of the PCC and the congregation. We also pray that the person God has chosen will be appointed in due course. In the meantime, we pray that God will give us patience and that we shall continue to care for each other at this difficult time. Diocese of Bangor. The Church of Wales. | | |
| | | | All Saints, Aughton; All Saints, Bubwith; St Helen, Escrick; St Helen, Skipwith; St Helen, Stillingfleet; St Matthew, Naburn; Escrick CE Primary; Naburn CE Primary Clergy: The Revd Richard Kirkman. We pray for our parishes and communities as they cope with the challenges of Covid-19, for those who suffer and those who care for them at home and in hospital, and for the dying and bereaved. We pray for The Revd Dave Rogers and his wife Lydia as they settle into Escrick and Stillingfleet with Naburn, and Bubwith and Skipwith Benefices and begin pastoral care amongst us. Diocese of Arochukwu Ohafia. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion). |
| Friday 26th March. Harriet Mansell, founder of the Community of St John the Baptist, 1883 | Wydale Hall, Retreat and Conference Centre of the Diocese of York General Manager: Mark Rance. Apart from some guests in October and December, we have been closed since mid-March 2020. We give thanks for prayer and financial support received since March; that we are able to keep going; and that the staff team has stayed safe. We pray that we will be able to open as soon as possible; for bookings to stay firm beyond Easter; and for fresh ideas as to how to engage in a post-Covid world. Diocese of Banks and Torres. The Anglican Church of Melanesia. | Wednesday 3rd March. | Holy Trinity, Elvington; St Mary, East Cottingwith; St Michael, Sutton upon Derwent; St Helen, Thorganby; St Helen, Wheldrake; Elvington CE Primary; Sutton upon Derwent CE Primary; Wheldrake with Thorganby CE Primary Clergy: The Revd Jackie Doyle-Brett; Associate Minister: The Revd Peter Burgess; Readers: Catharine Grievson, Margaret Clegg; Churchwardens: Michol Rawet, Betty Garnham. We ask for prayer for the Benefice of Derwent Ings: for its five churches belonging to the villages of East Cottingwith, Elvington, Sutton on Derwent, Thorganby and Wheldrake; for the three schools; for the children and adults; and for our new Priest-in-Charge, The Revd Jackie Doyle-Brett, licensed on the 24th February. Diocese of Aru. Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo. |
| Saturday 27th March. | St Catherine's Hospice, Scarborough Please pray for the patients' comfort and pain control. Give thanks for their dedicated care by the staff and volunteers, and for the high value placed on personal dignity and respect. Please pray for the hospice as it seeks to best provide spiritual care for patients and their families. Diocese of Barbados. The Church in the Province of the West Indies. | | |
| | | Thursday 4th March. | St Thomas, Osbaldwick; St James, Murton Clergy: The Revd Johannes Nobel; Retired Clergy: The Revd Canon Simon Stanley; Readers: Julie Wainwright, Jack Booth; Churchwardens: Glenn Booth, Allan Dobson. Please pray for St Thomas, Osbaldwick with St James, Murton, that our churches may find healing and renewed strength after a difficult year. Pray that we may continue to grow in relationship with God and one another. Pray for new opportunities to serve and welcome young families in our community. The Missionary Diocese of Asaba. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion). |
| Sunday 28th March. Palm Sunday | Scarborough Hospital (York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust) O God, we thank you for our healthcare systems and those who work in them. We pray for healthcare workers known to us that through their love and compassion, those who are vulnerable and needy might come to know healing and peace in their lives. We pray for those who have to make difficult decisions about resources or treatments that they will do so with care and integrity. Lord, continue your ministry of healing in the lives of those who are broken, vulnerable and in need. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen. Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (Hong Kong Anglican Church). | | |
| | | Friday 5th March. | World Day of Prayer Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous, teach me to serve Thee as Thou deservest, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to seek reward save that of knowing that I do Thy will. Fill us, we pray Thee, with Thy light and life, that we may show forth Thy wondrous glory. (Ignatius Loyola). |
| Monday 29th March. Monday of Holy Week | Cross Lane Hospital, Scarborough (Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust) Please pray for the patients as they seek recovery, hope and then acceptance as they return to their communities. Pray for the staff as they attempt to treat patients with dignity, respect and the best quality care. Please also pray for the Chaplaincy Team as they minister to people of all faiths and none. Diocese of Bari. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion). | | Diocese of Asante-Mampong. The Church of the Province of West Africa. |
| | | Saturday 6th March. | York Archdeaconry Training Advisor and Diocesan Clergy CMD Advisor The Revd Canon Terry Joyce. The last year has familiarised us with online ways to gather, which will, moving forward, affect the landscape of training. Please pray for wisdom as we discern the pros and cons of gathering online or in person. Give thanks for the recent development and accessibility of webinar training opportunities. Diocese of Saint Asaph. The Church of Wales. |
| Tuesday 30th March. Tuesday of Holy Week | Living Christ's Story – a renewed vision for the Diocese of York We join together in praying that we would discern what God is saying to us as a diocese over the coming months; that we would learn together how to become more Christ-centred and Jesus-shaped; | | |
| Week | and that we would live Christ's story more fully and invite many others to join us. Diocese of Baringo. The Anglican Church of Kenya. | Sunday 7th March. 3rd Sunday of Lent | York Diocese Leadership Team Lenten Retreat, 7-9 March Pray for the Archbishop's Leadership Team as they meet over the next three days. 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. Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo. |
| Wednesday 31st March. Wednesday of Holy Week | Committee for Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns (CMEAC) Canon Linda Ali. Father God, in your loving wisdom you created one human family. Give us open and generous hearts to recognise all people as brothers and sisters, made in your image and loved by you. Gracious God, help us to grow every day with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to work for the enrichment of our communities in the York Diocese. Diocese of Barrackpore. The (united) Church of North India. | | |
| | | Monday 8th March. Edward King, bishop, 1910. Felix, bishop, 647. Geoffrey Studdert | Queen Margaret's School Chaplain: The Revd Robert Owen. Please pray for the school community in this time of change and uncertainty, and particularly for those responsible for leadership and pastoral care. |
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| Tuesday 9th March. | St Nicholas, Dunnington; Holy Trinity, Stockton on the Forest; St Mary, Warthill; Holy Trinity, Holtby; Dunnington CE Primary; Warthill CE Primary Clergy: The Revd Nick Bird, The Revd Canon Terry Joyce, The Revd Mark Poole; Reader: Judith Hewitt; Retired Clergy: The Rt Revd David Smith, The Revd Canon John Harrison, The Revd Peter Moorhouse; Churchwardens: Ennis Tweddle, Ann Proctor, Chris Gladstone, Carole White; RPAs: Arnie Tweddle, Sue Stigant, Irene Watson. Please pray for all involved in the life of these parishes, particularly for the work of our Children and Families Worker, Lisa Horton. Pray also for our schools: Dunnington CE, Warthill CE, and Stockton on the Forest Primary Schools. | Wednesday 17th March. Patrick, bishop, missionary, patron of Ireland, c.460 | St John the Evangelist, Filey; St Oswald, Filey; St Thomas, Gristhorpe; Filey Infant School Clergy: The Revd Nigel Chapman; Retired Clergy: The Revd Wilma Horton, The Revd Paul Burkitt; Readers: Sue Neilson, Janice Midwood. Pray for those feeling dis-connected or too vulnerable to get to church and who don't have the technology to join online; for Lesley Prince (Multiply Minister) leading the Alpha course and building links into the community. Please give thanks for the 2020Vision project and the refurbishing of St John's Church Centre and pray for developing community action. Diocese of Awka. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion). |
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| Wednesday 10th March. | Diocese of Athabasca. The Anglican Church of Canada. All Saints, Barlby; St Mary, Riccall; St Mary, Hemingborough; St Andrew, Cliffe Clergy: The Revd Graham Horner, The Revd Dotty Lambeth; Churchwardens: Enid Bramley, Tracy Carr, Carol Perry, Susan Sellers, Heather Conolly, Joan Foster, Anne Saunders. We give thanks for people's good-neighbourliness during these difficult and isolating times, and for the hard work going on in our four primary schools at Riccall, Barlby, Hemingbrough and Cliffe, and for our high school in Barlby. We are also thankful for the connections made and worship shared during our weekly Share at Home Service on our Facebook pages. Diocese of Atlanta. The Episcopal Church. | Thursday 18th March. Cyril, bishop, teacher of the faith, 386 | St. Martin, Seamer; St. John the Baptist, East Ayton; St. John the Baptist, Cayton Clergy: The Revd Andrew Moreland; The Revd Judith Dean, The Revd Richard Firth; Reader: Elizabeth Moreland; Churchwardens: Jean Donovan, Marlene Parnell, Gordon Young, Alan Green, Steve Byrne. We give thanks for all those who have worked tirelessly over the last year to make so many people feel loved, cared for and supported. We thank God for the persistence of members learning how to Zoom! Please pray for spiritual growth and finances; for our three schools, for the teachers, staff and pupils; and for us to find opportunities to be as supportive as possible. Diocese of Awori. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion). |
| Thursday 11th March. | University of York Chaplaincy The Revd Dr Catherine Reid (Anglican Chaplain), Fr Kevin Melody (Catholic Chaplain), The Revd Dr John Schofield (Methodist Chaplain). We pray for God's blessing on the University of York; for Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charlie Jeffery, and for all students and staff, especially those who have struggled this past year. We pray for the ministry of Chaplaincy, and for the Revds Catherine, John, and Kevin, as they witness to the hope we have in Christ. Diocese of Auckland. The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. | Friday 19th March. Joseph of Nazareth | St John, Folkton; St Nicholas, Ganton; St Peter, Willerby; All Saints, Hunmanby; All Saints, Muston; Hertford Vale CE Primary Clergy: The Revd Tim Parker; Churchwardens: Sue Corrigan, Venetia Wrigley, Janet McNay, Kath Stanforth, Peter Loftus, Godfrey Allanson, Chris Winter; Readers: Maureen Andrew, Julie Hay. Please pray for developing the new opportunities to connect with our communities online; for thanks for good links with Hertford Vale CE and Hunmanby Primary Schools. Pray for new ministries across the benefice; for confidence in understanding baptism as the true commissioning |
| Friday 12th March. | Director of Training for Missional Ministry The Revd Dr Gavin Wakefield. I want to give thanks for more than 12 years of challenging but deeply satisfying ministry across the diocese, working with wonderful colleagues and with inspiring folk in so many parishes. I am planning to retire at the end of the summer, so I value your prayers for continued energy and vision for this final stage, and for the ways that I can pass on my responsibilities for formation and learning. Diocese of North West Australia. The Anglican Church of Australia. | Saturday 20th March. Cuthbert, bishop, missionary, 687 | for ministry; and for wisdom in how to help people stay spiritually fed and connected. Diocese of Ayod. The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. St Mark, Newby; St Mary, Cloughton. North Scarborough Group Ministry Clergy: Vacant; Assistant Curate: The Revd Shena Moray; Retired Clergy: The Revd Don Maciver. Our prayer at St Mark's is to ask for a vision of how we can continue to be good news in our parish community during this period of lockdown. Diocese of Badagry. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion). |
| Saturday 13th March. | Scarborough Deanery Area Dean: The Revd Samantha Taylor; Lay Dean: Ros Brewer. Please pray for: The Revd Samantha Taylor (Area Dean) and Canon Elect Ros Brewer (Lay Dean); for the Deanery Leadership Team and all Churches, clergy, readers and RPAs; for Scarborough Hospital and all NHS staff; for emergency services; and for our local primary and secondary schools, colleges and university. We pray for Jesus to be at the centre of our Deanery vision for mission, ministry and making new disciples. Diocese of Aweil. The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. | Sunday 21st March. 5th Sunday of Lent. Passiontide begins | St Laurence, Scalby; St Peter, Hackness; St Margaret, Harwood Dale; Hackness CE Primary. North Scarborough Group Ministry Clergy: The Revd Tony Hand; Retired Clergy: The Rt Revd David Wilbourne, The Revd Marion Wright, The Revd Alan Brown; Reader with PTO: Philip Newell; Churchwarden: Sally McIntyre; Children, Families and Youth Worker: Tracy Squire; Headteacher of Hackness CE Primary School: Janet Spittal. |
| Sunday 14th March. 4th Sunday of Lent | Holy Nativity, Eastfield; Westway Open Arms, Eastfield Clergy: The Revd Samantha Taylor, The Revd Jo Parker; Retired Clergy: The Revd Liz Kitching. Please pray for our clergy and the leadership teams of the PCC and Trustees at Holy Nativity Church and Westway Open Arms Crisis Charity in Eastfield. Pray for our food bank and outreach initiatives that support | | Pray that the kindness, creativity and generosity found in the year past abound, as we share in making Jesus known in our homes, community and church. Pray with us that our self-giving, sacrificial love for each other and our neighbour will speak powerfully of Jesus' rescuing, healing, forgiving love. The Church of England. |
| | local residents struggling financially and with social isolation. Thank you, Lord, for online worship, school assemblies and other initiatives online that help people feel connected. Iglesia Anglicana de Chile. | Monday 22nd March. | Children of Light Festival Diocese of York Education Team, Carolyn Edwards. |
| Monday 15th March. | St James with Holy Trinity, Scarborough; St Columba, Scarborough Clergy: The Revd Jane Bell, The Revd Fiona Hill; Retired Clergy: The Revd Canon John Toy, The Revd Duncan McMann; Reader: Julia Jones; Churchwardens: Mary Walker, John Attwood, Pauline Hainsworth. Please pray for the worshipping community during lockdown; for those meeting online, and for pastoral care and contact with congregations and parishioners unable to access online services, especially those | | Pray for parishes and deaneries as they use the 'Children of Light Festival' resources to help them engage with children and young people in their area. Lord, help us all to value and nurture children and young people as bearers of the light of Jesus. Diocese of the Bahamas and The Turks and Caicos Islands. The Church in the Province of the West Indies. |
| | who are isolated and housebound. Pray also for Thomas Hinderwell Primary Academy, Springhead School, Scarborough University Technical College, University Campus, and St James Church and Community Arts Centre. Prayers too please for both PCCs, as we seek a way forward in reaching our communities in new ways. Diocese of Awerial. The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. | Tuesday 23rd March. | St Martin-on-the-Hill, Scarborough; St Michael and All Angels, Wheatcroft; St Saviour with All Saints, Scarborough; St Martin's CE Primary Clergy: The Revd David Dixon; Retired Clergy: The Revd Allan Campbell-Wilson, The Revd Richard Glover, The Revd Mary Hollis, The Revd Richard Smith, The Revd Jon Booth; Churchwardens: Mike Baines, David Wain, Lesley Peacey, Martin Dodgson; Retired Lay Worker with PTO: Audrey Aveyard. |
| Tuesday 16th March. | St John the Baptist, Staintondale; St Hilda, Ravenscar Pray for the Churchwardens, Judith Edmondson and Wendy Normington, and all the members of the PCC who have worked together during the vacancy. Pray for the person God is leading to serve this community in the future. We give thanks for the natural beauty of this place. Diocese of Awgu Aninri. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion). | | Please pray that in these challenging times the ministry of the church will help meet the needs of the people of the parishes; and we give thanks for the educational work at St Martin's, Wheatcroft, and Gladstone Road Primary Schools. We pray that our building projects are completed; and for Dulverton Hall and the retired clergy and spouses. Diocese of Bakuru. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion). |