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Diocese of Newcastle Prayer Diary December 2019

1 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane (*Scottish Episcopal Church*)
Diocese of Porvoo (*Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland*)
- **Anglican Communion:** Pray for mission agencies and their work throughout the Anglican Communion
- **Diocese of Newcastle**
For all who support our Bishops in their ministry
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
Area Dean: John Park
Lay Chair: Tony Thick

Please pray for Elizabeth Brown and the churches and communities of Morpeth, as she is licensed as Associate Priest in the Morpeth Benefice by Bishop Mark this morning.

2 Monday

- **Diocese of Seoul (Korea)** Bp Peter Lee
Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador (Canada) Bp Geoffrey Peddle
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For Bishop Christine in her diocesan and national responsibilities
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
Deanery Secretary: Joyce Templey
Finance Officer: Linda Rudd

3 Tuesday

Francis Xavier, missionary, apostle of the Indies, 1552

- **Diocese of the Seychelles (Indian Ocean)**
Abp James Richard Wong Yin Song
Diocese of Eastern Oregon (USA)
Bp Patrick Bell
- **Diocese of Newcastle**
For Mark, Bishop of Berwick
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
Benefice of Ashington Holy Sepulchre
Priest-in-Charge: Christopher Grocock

Reader: Paulette Thompson

4 Wednesday

John of Damascus, monk, teacher of the faith, c.749

Nicholas Ferrar, deacon, founder of the Little Gidding Community, 1637

- **Diocese of Sheffield**
Bps Pete Wilcox and Peter Burrows
Diocese of Eastern Zambia (Central Africa)
Bp William Mchombo
Diocese of Easton (USA) Bp Santosh Murray
- **Diocese of Newcastle:** For all who work at Church House, North Shields
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
Benefice of Bolam with Whalton & Hartburn with Meldon & Netherwitton
Ministry team: Jonathan Mason, Fiona Sample and Pamela Walker

5 Thursday

- **Diocese of Sinyanga (Tanzania)**
Bp Johnson Chinyong'ole
Diocese of Eau Claire (USA)
Bp William Jay Lambert
- **Diocese of Newcastle:** For the work of education throughout our diocese and region in schools, universities, colleges, and lay education
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
St Andrew's Parish Church, Bolam
- **The Mothers' Union**
Mothers' Union's work in activism against gender violence and in providing local support for those affected by domestic violence

This Prayer Diary can be downloaded each month from the Newcastle diocesan website:
www.newcastle.anglican.org/prayerdiary

6 Friday

Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c.326 *

- **Diocese of Shyira (Rwanda)**
Abp Laurent Mbanda and
Bp Samuel M Mugisha
- **Diocese of Edinburgh (Scotland)**
Bp John Armes
- **Diocese of Newcastle:** For St Nicholas' Cathedral, its mission and ministry, and for those involved in the Development Project
- **Morpeth Deanery**
St Andrew's Parish Church, Hartburn
- * The Dean of Newcastle, Geoff Miller

7 Saturday

Ambrose, bishop of Milan, teacher of the faith, 397

Diuma, apostle to Mercia, 658 [CNS]

- **Diocese of Edmonton (Canada)**
Bp Jane Alexander
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all those responsible for diocesan finance and parish giving
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Meldon
Please pray for all gathering in the Cathedral today for the Patronal Festival and for the Installation of Peter Dobson as Residentiary Canon for Outreach and Discipleship.

8 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Chester
Diocese of Kuopio (*Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland*)
- **Anglican Communion:** We pray for the world-wide work of the Mothers' Union
- **Diocese of Newcastle:** For all who guide candidates through selection and training for lay and ordained ministry
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
St Giles' Parish Church, Netherwitton

9 Monday

- **Diocese of Shyogwe (Rwanda)**
Bp Jered Kalimba
- **Diocese of Egba (Nigeria)**
Bp Emmanuel Adekunle
- **Diocese of Lafia (Nigeria)**
Bp Godwin A Robinson

- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For our Archdeacons Mark Wroe and Peter Robinson
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene, Whalton
- Whalton C of E First School

10 Tuesday

- **Diocese of Sialkot (Pakistan)**
Bp Alwin John Samuel
- **Diocese of Egba West (Nigeria)**
Bp Samuel Ajani
- **Diocese of Newcastle:** For all those involved in the development of Discipleship and Ministry for Mission
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
Benefice of Bothal and Pegswood with Longhirst
Vicar: John Park
Reader: Jane Park

11 Wednesday

Ember Day

- **Diocese of Singapore (S E Asia)**
Bps Rennis Ponniah and Low Jee King
- **Diocese of Egbu (Nigeria)**
Bp Geoffrey Okoroafor
- **Diocese of Egypt (Jerusalem and Middle East)** Bps Mouneer Hanna Anis and Samy Fawzy
- **Diocese of Newcastle:** For all clergy and readers who continue to serve the Church in many ways beyond retirement
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
St Andrew's Parish Church, Bothal

Embertide in Advent

In addition to our regular prayers for those preparing for ordained or lay ministry, and those who support and encourage them, please pray this Advent

- for those feeling a call to ministry, but have not yet talked to anyone about it;
- for the Bishops' Advisers and all those preparing to attend a Panel in 2020.

12 Thursday

- **Diocese of Sittwe (Myanmar)**
Bps James Min Dein and Moses Tun Pa
- **Diocese of Eha-Amufu (Nigeria)**
Bp Daniel Olinya

- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all who at Diocesan and local level share in the care of church buildings
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
St Margaret's Chapel, Pegswood (a Local Ecumenical Partnership)
- **Praying for Unity**
For all Bodies in Association with Churches Together in Britain and Ireland

13 Friday Ember Day

Lucy, martyr at Syracuse, 304
Samuel Johnson, moralist, 1784

- **Diocese of Ekiti (Nigeria)**
Bp Christopher Teyo Omulunde
- **Diocese of Ekiti Kwara (Nigeria)**
Bp Andrew Ajayi
- **Diocese of Ekiti Oke (Nigeria)**
Bp Isaac Olubowale
- **Diocese of Ekiti West (Nigeria)**
Bp Rufus V A Adepoju
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all who seek to inspire children
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, Longhirst

14 Saturday Ember Day

John of the Cross, poet, teacher of the faith, 1591

- **Diocese of Sodor & Man** Bp Peter Eagles
- **Diocese of El Camino Real (USA)**
Bp Mary Gray-Reeves
- **Diocese of Newcastle:** For all who in church and community reach out to encourage and support young people
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
Benefice of Cresswell and Lynemouth
Priest-in-Charge: Mina Munns
- William Leach Campus of the Northumberland C of E Academy

15 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham
Diocese of Borg (*Church of Norway*)
- **Diocese of Sokoto (Nigeria)**
Bp Augustin Omole
- **Diocese of El Salvador (Central America)**
Bp Juan David Alvarado Melgar
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**

For the developing work and witness of our Resource Church, and for all those reaching out to people of all ages through Fresh Expressions of Church

- **Morpeth Deanery:**
Benefice of Kirkwhelpington with Kirkharle and Kirkheaton and Cambo
Priest-in-charge: Jonathan Mason
NS Minister: Frances Dower

16 Monday

- **Diocese of South Ankole (Uganda)**
Bp Nathan Ahimbisibwe
- **Diocese of Eldoret (Kenya)**
Bp Christopher Ruto
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all involved in building and promoting links and partnerships ecumenically, internationally and through inter-faith and ethnic relations
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
Holy Trinity Parish Church, Cambo
- Cambo First School

17 Tuesday

O Sapientia

Eglantyne Jebb, social reformer, founder of 'Save the Children', 1928

- **Diocese of South Dakota (USA)**
Bp John Tarrant
- **Diocese of El-Obeid (Sudan)**
Bp Ismail Gabriel Abudigin
- **Diocese of Newcastle:** For all responsible for the safeguarding and protection of vulnerable people, including children
- **Morpeth Deanery**
St Wilfred's Church, Kirkharle

18 Wednesday

- **Diocese of South Kerala (S India)**
Bp Dharmaraj Rasalam
- **Diocese of Ely** Bps Stephen Conway and Dagmar Winter
- **Diocese of Embu (Kenya)** Bp David Ileri
- **Diocese of Newcastle:** For all the Church's musicians and worship leaders, especially in this Advent and Christmas season.
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
St Bartholomew's Parish Church, Kirkwhelpington

19 Thursday

- **Diocese of South Rwenzori** (*Uganda*)
Bp Jackson Nzerebende
Enugu (*Nigeria*) Bp Emmanuel Chukwuma
Diocese of Enugu North (*Nigeria*)
Bp Sosthenes Eze
- **Diocese of Newcastle:** For those living with disabilities who need to rely on others to support them during the festive season
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
St Bartholomew's Church, Kirkheaton
- **Praying for Unity**
For all who are losing faith, for whatever reason, with the ecumenical movement

20 Friday

- **Diocese of South West Tanganyika** (*Tanzania*) Bp Matthew Mhagama
Diocese of Esan (*Nigeria*)
Abp Friday Imaekhai
- **Diocese of Newcastle:** For all engaged in ministries of healing, deliverance and pastoral care
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
Benefice of Longhorsley
Priest-in-Charge: *vacant*
- Longhorsley St Helen's C of E First School

21 Saturday

- **Diocese of Etche** (*Nigeria*)
Bp Precious Nwala
Diocese of Etsako (*Nigeria*) Bp Jacob Bada
- **Diocese of Newcastle:** For all involved with the administration of trusts and charities in our Diocese and local communities
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
Benefice of Mitford with Hebron
Priest-in-charge: Alyson Lamb
Readers: Sean Fugill, Paul Kidd, John Laurenson, Liz Hawkins, Jane Clark

22 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Oslo (*Church of Norway*)
Diocese of Durham
Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness (*Scottish Episcopal Church*)
- **Anglican Communion** Pray today for all Christian in other denominations and their

leaders, and for the work of the ecumenical movement

- **Diocese of Newcastle:** For all engaged in chaplaincy in hospitals, schools, prisons, the armed forces and with older people
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene, Mitford

23 Monday

- **Diocese of Ezo** (*Nigeria*)
Bp Innocent Ordu
Diocese of Exeter Bps Robert Atwell, Nick McKinnel and Jackie Searle
- **Diocese of Newcastle:** For all involved in community action with homeless and destitute people this Christmas, including the food banks and shelters
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
St Cuthbert's Parish Church, Hebron
- Tritlington C of E First School

24 CHRISTMAS EVE

- **Diocese of Ezo** (*South Sudan*)
Bp John Kereboro Zawo
Diocese of Faisalabad (*Pakistan*)
Bp John Samuel
- **Diocese of Newcastle:** For all engaged in evangelistic and faith-sharing projects this Christmas
- **Morpeth Deanery**
Benefice of Morpeth
Rector: Simon White
Associate Priest: Elizabeth Brown
Assistant Curate: Jeremy Cooper
Readers: Vivienne Sommerville, Harriet Gilfillan, Janet Hedley, Val Cowan
- Morpeth All Saints C of E First School

25 CHRISTMAS DAY

- **Anglican Communion:** Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and the people of Bethlehem
Diocese of False Bay (*Southern Africa*)
Bp Margaret Brenda Vertue
Federal Ministries (*USA*)
Bps James Magness and Carl Wright
- **Diocese of Newcastle:** For all spending this day alone
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
St Aidan's Church, Stobhill

26 STEPHEN, DEACON, FIRST MARTYR

- **Diocese of Fianarantsoa** (*Indian Ocean*)
Bp Gilbert Ratelison Rakotondravelo
- **Diocese of Florida** (*USA*)
Bp John Howard
- **Diocese of Newcastle:** For all our brothers and sisters in our Link Dioceses: Møre, Botswana and Winchester
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
The Church of St James the Great, Morpeth
- **Praying for Unity**
For all that the churches seek to do together to bring aid to the needy, suffering and forgotten

27 JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

William, Lord Armstrong, industrialist, scientist and philanthropist [CNS]*

- **Diocese of Fond du Lac** (*USA*)
Bp Matthew Alan Gunter
- **Diocese of Fort Worth** (*USA*)
Bp Scott Mayer
- **Diocese of Newcastle:** For all involved in the work of Streetpastors, Samaritans and ChildLine.
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
St Mary's Parish Church, Morpeth
- * Canon David Bilton

28 THE HOLY INNOCENTS

- **Diocese of Fredericton** (*Canada*)
Bp David Edwards
- **Diocese of Freetown** (*Sierra Leone*)
Bp Tomas Arnold Ikunika Wilson
- **Diocese of Newcastle:** for all involved in the continuing development of the church's ordained and lay ministers
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
Benefice of Woodhorn with Newbiggin
Vicar: Anthony O'Grady
Reader: Deborah Ehala
- Grace Darling Campus of Northumberland C of E Academy

29 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Thomas Becket, archbishop of Canterbury, martyr, 1170

- **Porvoo Communion:**
Diocese of Chichester

Diocese of Mikkeli (*Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland*)

- **Diocese of Gahini** (*Rwanda*)
Bps Alexis Bilindabagaboa and Mannasseh Gahima
- **Diocese of Gambia** (*West Africa*)
Bp James Allen Yaw Odico
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all who support others through the ministry of spiritual direction
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
Benefice of Seaton Hirst
Priest-in-Charge: David Twomey
Associate Priest: John Swinhoe
- The Josephine Butler (Primary and Secondary), Thomas Bewick and James Knott campuses of the Northumberland C of E Academy
- Northumberland C of E Academy
Executive Director: Andrew Day
Chaplain: Sally Milner

30 Monday

- **Diocese of Gasabo** (*Rwanda*)
Bp Onesphore Rwaje
- **Diocese of Gboke** (*Nigeria*)
Bp Emmanuel Nyitsse
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For guidance and grace as we face the promises and challenges of a new year of *growing church bringing hope*
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
St Andrew's Parish Church, Seaton Hirst

31 Tuesday

John Wyclif, reformer, 1384

- **Diocese of George** (*Southern Africa*)
Bp Brian Marajh
- **Diocese of Georgia** (*USA*) Bp Scott Benhase
- **Diocese of Newcastle:**
For all involved in the Diocesan Synod, the Bishop's Council and the Mission and Pastoral Committee
- **Morpeth Deanery:**
St John's Parish Church, Seaton Hirst

We shall conclude our prayers for Morpeth Deanery early in January.

About this Prayer Diary

We continue to include in the Prayer Diary all those commemorated in **Celebrating the Northern Saints**, [CNS] and to remember our lay, residentiary and honorary canons on the day of the saints and influential people who have given their canonry its designation and/or stall in the Cathedral.

SUNDAYS

For each Sunday, we follow a well-established pattern:

- First are intercessions for the Porvoo Communion (<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/resources/493/porvoo-prayer-diary-2019>). The Porvoo Declaration commits the churches which have signed it to “share a common life” and “to pray for and with one another.”
- Second are intercessions from the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, available at www.anglicancommunion.org. Prayers on Sundays are for a Province of the Communion.
- Thirdly we pray for our own Diocese of Newcastle.
- Fourthly we remember the Morpeth Deanery, its churches, people and organisations, including Church Schools, where possible, on the same day as the parish of which they are part.

WEEKDAYS

The pattern is similar on weekdays, but without the Porvoo Communion:

- Firstly, dioceses from the Anglican Cycle of Prayer
- Secondly, our own Diocese of Newcastle.
- Fourthly, people, parishes, churches and schools in Morpeth Deanery.
- On Thursdays, we pray for the work of the Mothers’ Union in the Diocese (first week) and for Christian Unity (subsequent weeks).

We pray for our **Link Dioceses** as follows:

Botswana during January, April and October.

Møre during March, June and September.

Winchester during May, August and November.

The **Deaneries** are incorporated in the Prayer Diary in such a way as to include the **Benefices** (with names of ordained and lay ministers) and also, for benefices with more than one church, the constituent **churches**, in order that every congregation – and the local community in which it is set - can be remembered at least once during the year.

January	Morpeth (cont.) and Norham	July	Newcastle East
February	Bedlington	August	Newcastle West
March	Bellingham	September	Tynemouth
April	Corbridge	October	Alnwick
May	Hexham	November	Bamburgh & Glendale
June	Newcastle Central	December	Morpeth

I try to mark important days in the life of the Diocese (e.g. Diocesan Synods, Institutions and Licensings, ecumenical occasions) with a special note, but can only do so if I have the information early in the previous month. **Please don’t hesitate to send me information and prompts in good time.**

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