



Diocese of York Prayer Diary - December 2019

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Sunday 22nd December. 4th Sunday of Advent	All Saints, Great Driffield; St Mary, Little Driffield; St Nicholas, Butterwick; St Peter, Langtoft; All Saints, Thwing Clergy: The Revd Stuart Grant; Retired Clergy: The Revd Carole Aconley; Churchwardens: Martin Salter, Tony Goforth, Mike Wynn, Roger Gooch, Jackie Burton, Geoff Tonkin, Judy Burdass, Tim Burdass and Rod Buckley. Give thanks that people have recognised God’s calling to them and put themselves forward for licensed roles within the Church. Pray for the renovation work we are planning for the Driffield Church toilets, a small project that will make a big difference to our church users. Pray for our small rural churches. Pray particularly for St Peter’s, Langtoft, which was victim to the theft of lead from the roof recently. Give thanks for all those professionals and contractors who have responded quickly to make the building waterproof, safe, and to keep it open for us to worship God. Diocese of Sodor & Man (England). Bishop Peter Eagles.
Monday 23rd December.	Diocesan Office Please give thanks for all the Free Will Offers made by parishes and for those who steward the financial resources of parishes and the Diocesan Board of Finance as together we seek to grow as Generous Churches Making and Nurturing Disciples. Diocese of Evo (Nigeria). Bishop Innocent Ordu.
Tuesday 24th December. Christmas Eve	Christmas Eve Pray for churches getting ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus and for all those who will be attending services. Pray that all may catch a glimpse of the Kingdom of God and be renewed in faith and hope. Diocese of Ezo (South Sudan). Bishop John Kereboro Zawo.
Wednesday 25th December. Christmas Day	Christmas Day Give thanks for the reality of ‘God with us’. Please pray for the proclamation and the living out of the gospel of the Word made flesh and for all those who express the love of God in practical service. Please pray for all who find it difficult to celebrate today. Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world’s darkness with the light of salvation: Give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and the people of Bethlehem.
Thursday 26th December. Stephen, deacon, first martyr	Boxing Day Lord Jesus, Thank You that You lived on earth as one of us. You know what it is to live in a country under occupation, to be singled out, slandered, treated with scorn. You know what it is to be surrounded by mobs: ridiculed, mocked, arrested, beaten, condemned without cause, and executed for no crime. We pray for all of our brothers and sisters who share those experiences, the spat upon and abused, the falsely accused, those who are mistreated because they follow You, those who endure the pain and suffer in silence. May they have Your peace in their hearts, may they act with Your courage, speak with Your wisdom, respond with Your forgiveness, and love with Your love. Diocese of Fianarantsoa (Indian Ocean). Bishop Gilbert Ratelosen Rakotondravelo.
Friday 27th December. John, Apostle and Evangelist	Diocesan Office The staff at our Diocesan Office are grateful for the ongoing prayerful support of the diocesan family. Please remember the staff and their families at this time, praying that all might be refreshed over the Christmas break, ready to serve the Diocese in 2020. Diocese of Fond du Lac (The Episcopal Church). Bishop Matthew Alan Gunter.
Saturday 28th December. The Holy Innocents	Please pray for children who suffer: victims of violence, those in detention centres, those who are sold into slavery, and for all those who work to bring them healing and freedom. Diocese of Fredericton (Canada). Bishop David Edwards.
Sunday 29th December. 1st Sunday of Christmas	Please pray for the Anglican Communion and for the ministry of the Archbishop of Canterbury both in this country and across the Anglican Communion. Diocese of Gahini (Rwanda). Bishop Alexis Bilindabagabo.
Monday 30th December.	Please pray for all the staff at the Arc Light Centre in York, and all who are homeless in this Diocese. Diocese of Gasabo (Rwanda). Bishop Onesphore Rwaje.
Tuesday 31st December. John Wycliff, reformer, 1384	New Year’s Eve Please pray for the work of the Anglican mission agencies at home and overseas that, as they look to a new Year, they may be a source of life and hope for the nations. Diocese of George (Southern Africa). Bishop Revd Brian Marajh.

Sunday 1st December. 1st Sunday of Advent	Advent Sunday Holy Spirit, this Advent, shine your light of truth and love into our lives; break into our unconsciousness with the hope you set before us, and help us wake, and turn our lives towards the warmth of the One True Light, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen © Archbishop of York Pray for mission agencies and their work throughout the Anglican Communion.
Monday 2nd December.	South Wold Deanery Area Dean: The Revd Canon Caroline Pinchbeck As a deanery we are praying how we might reach out to the new housing being built across the deanery. We are preparing for the “Come and See” mission, and for sharing the Good News in the variation of experiences of significant growth and decline, particularly in the most rural communities. Diocese of Seoul (Korea). Bishop Peter Lee.
Tuesday 3rd December. Francis Xavier, missionary, 1552	St Giles, Burnby; St Martin, Hayton; All Saints, Londesborough; All Saints, Shiptonthorpe; St Ethelburga, Great Givendale; St Mary, Huggate; St Margaret, Millington; St James, Nunburnholme; All Saints, Pocklington Clergy: The Revd Bronnie Broadhurst We give thanks for all the opportunities we have to share the good news of Jesus to those in our communities and give thanks for His continued blessing to us. Diocese of Seychelles (Indian Ocean). Archbishop James Richard Wong Yin Song (Primate).
Wednesday 4th December. John of Damascus, monk, teacher of the faith, c.749. Nicholas Ferrari, founder of the Little Gidding Community, 1637	St Botolph, Allerthorpe; St Catherine, Barmby Moor; St Martin, Fangfoss; St Michael, Thornton; St Martin, Yapham Clergy: The Revd Jan Hardy; Churchwardens: Tim O’Gram, Mark Stageman, Gordon Fallowfield, John Greenwood, Claire Triffitt, Dave Whitwell and Elaine Stubbings. Our five parishes of Allerthorpe, Barmby Moor, Fangfoss, Thornton with Melbourne and Yapham cum Meltonby are all looking forward to the opportunities Christmas brings to invite and welcome the community to Church and School and to carol services and Christmas services. We have a programme of inviting those who have contact with the Church as part of our LYCiG initiative; please pray that we will see a response. Diocese of Sheffield (England). Bishop Pete Wilcox.
Thursday 5th December.	Pocklington School Chaplain: The Revd Canon Bill Merrington; Headmaster: Toby Seth; Head of Prep School: Ian Wright; Pastoral Director: Martin Davies. We give thanks for the appointment of our new Chaplain, Canon Bill Merrington. We pray for wisdom and sensitivity as he gets to know the whole school: pupils, families and staff. We pray that Pocklington School can be a flourishing community, living our values of Courage, Truth and Trust, and a place where all are aware of God’s goodness. Diocese of Sialkot (Pakistan). Bishop Alwin John Samuel.
Friday 6th December. Nicholas, bishop, c.326	All Saints, Holme-on-Spalding-Moor; Bursea Chapel, St Peter, Harswell; St Everilda, Everingham; St Giles, Bielby; St Edmund, Seaton Ross Clergy: The Revd Canon Stephen Cope; Reader: Paul Dorrington; Reader-in-training: Anne-Marie Breewood; Churchwardens: David Raffaelli, Hilary Price, Val Featherby, Anne Hazlewood, Diane Stead and Anne-Marie Breewood; Deputy wardens: John Peel, Stephen Smith and Frank Brown. Retired clergy: The Revd Canon Rodney Nicholson, The Revd Giles Galley, The Revd Canon Val Hewetson and The Revd Peter Nelson. Give thanks for the new foodbank opened at Holme, and pray for the day it is not needed. Give thanks for our ecumenical work in schools. Pray with us as we support older congregation members who can no longer attend, and that we might attract more middle-aged and even younger folk with and to the love of Christ. Diocese of Shyira (Rwanda). Archbishop Laurent Mbanda (Primate).
Saturday 7th December. Ambrose, bishop, teacher of the faith, 397	St Edith, Bishop Wilton; St Andrew, Bugthorpe; St Mary, Full Sutton; All Saints, Kirby Underdale; St Mary, Skirpenbeck Clergy: The Revd Linda Munt, The Revd Canon Mike Kavanagh Please pray as we listen to God and hear what he is saying to our churches. We thank God for all He continues to do in our parishes. Diocese of Shyira (Rwanda). Bishop Samuel M Mugisha.

Sunday 8th December. 2nd Sunday of Advent	St Peter & St Paul, Scrayingham; All Saints, Catton; St John the Baptist, Stamford Bridge Clergy: The Revd Simon Pritchard; The Revd Maggy Ellison; Readers: Lucy Lawson and Wendy Macfarlane; Churchwardens: Andrea Palin, Chris Whitaker, Pat Smith, Caroline Gilderdale and Hugo Hildyard. We give thanks and pray for our new Rector and his family as they settle in East Yorkshire. Please pray for our outreach to village communities this Christmastide, that many will be touched by God's love. Pray also for our church youth groups, the 1st@4 family service, and our links with the local primary school. Pray for the work of the Mothers' Union around the world.
Monday 9th December.	All Saints, Goodmanham; All Saints, Market Weighton; All Saints, Sancton Clergy: The Revd Caroline Pinchbeck; PTO Clergy: The Revd Peter Nelson, The Revd Canon Rodney Nicholson and The Revd Paul Davies; Reader: Dave Millican; Churchwardens: Irene Pittaway, Andrew Frankland-Barber and Christine Sawyer. We are working to develop further our young people and families' work, as we have many gifted people. We are working on how we use the significant heritage of Goodmanham as a tool for mission to a wider audience as we increase our ministry to visitors in all our churches. Diocese of Shyogwe (Rwanda). Bishop Jered Kalimba.
Tuesday 10th December.	St John the Baptist, Wilberfoss Clergy: Vacancy. Please pray especially for the ministry of our Churchwardens, Diane Dawson and Rose Riley, and for the Reader, Peter Green, as they lead in a time of interregnum. We continue to give thanks for Headteacher, Kris Henderson, and for all who work and learn at Wilberfoss CE Primary School as they live out their core values in "The Wilberfoss Way". Diocese of Shinyanga (Tanzania). Bishop Johnson Chinyong'ole.
Wednesday 11th December. Ember Day	HM Prison Humber Pray for Chaplains in HM Prisons that they be given wisdom as they seek to share the love of God in an environment where negativity, despair and anger, are often in good supply whilst God's love, forgiveness acceptance and peace are commodities received only through prayer. Diocese of Singapore (South East Asia). Bishop Rennis Ponniah.
Thursday 12th December.	Prayer for the UK Parliament God of eternal love and power, save our Parliamentary Democracy; protect our High Court of Parliament and all its members from partiality and prejudice; that they may walk humbly the path of kindness, justice and mercy. Give them wisdom, insight and a concern for the common good. The weight of their calling is too much to bear in their own strength, therefore we pray earnestly, Father, send them help from your Holy Place, and be their tower of strength. Lord, graciously hear us. © Archbishop of York Diocese of Sittwe (Myanmar). Bishop James Min Dein.
Friday 13th December. Samuel Johnson, moralist, 1784. Ember Day	Harthill Deanery Area Dean: The Revd Jacki Tonkin; Lay Dean: Martin Adams. Give thanks for a 'full house' of clergy in the deanery after many years, and for the ministry of Readers and of others with PTO. The deanery mission plan is operational and Deanery Synods have a new energy about them in anticipation of "Come and See" mission. Diocese of Sittwe (Myanmar). Bishop Moses Tun Pa.
Saturday 14th December. John of the Cross, poet, teacher of the faith, 1591. Ember Day	HM Prison Full Sutton Please pray for all those in Full Sutton Prison. For those involved in chaplaincy and those attending services and responding to the call of being a disciple. Pray for Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement.

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Sunday 15th December. 3rd Sunday of Advent	St Martin, Burton Agnes; St John of Beverley, Harpham; St Martin, Lowthorpe; St Nicholas, Ruston Parva Clergy: The Revd James Anderson; Churchwardens: Christine Garland, Janet Robinson, A. Burdass, James Legard, John Wresdell, Richard Burdass and Brian Kelly. We give thanks for the opportunities to share the good news of Jesus Christ to those in our community. We thank God for his gifts of imagination, care, compassion and resourcefulness which characterise so much of the life and worship in the Beacon Christian Community. Diocese of Sokoto (Nigeria). Bishop Augustin Omole.
Monday 16th December.	St Mary Cowlam; St Mary, Fimber; St Mary, Fridaythorpe, St Mary, Sledmere; St Mary, Thixendale; St Nicholas, Wetwang Clergy: The Revd Jacki Tonkin; Readers: John and Katharine Chapman. Give thanks for a strong team of Churchwardens who seek to support the growth of the churches. We give thanks too for increased involvement in the two church schools. Please pray for wisdom in reaching out in all the villages. Diocese of South Ankole (Uganda). Bishop Nathan Ahimbisibwe.
Tuesday 17th December. O Sapientia Eglantyne Jebb, founder of 'Save The Children', 1928	St Peter, Hutton Cranswick; St Leonard, Skerne; St Mary, Watton; St Margaret, Beswick; All Saints, Nafferton; St Mary, Wansford Clergy: The Revd Simon Elliott; Readers: Martin Adams, Trish Barker and Gwyneth Southall; RPA: Michael Searle. St Peter's, Hutton Cranswick; St Leonard's, Skerne; St Mary's, Watton; St Margaret's, Beswick: Please pray for the four parishes as we seek to serve our communities and bring the good news of Jesus to all who live and work in them. Please pray in particular for the churchwardens and PCC of St. Mary's, Watton, as they prepare for their 500th anniversary celebrations in 2020. Pray also, please, for the parishes of Beswick, Hutton Cranswick and Skerne, as we seek to integrate the insights and principles of "Leading Your Church into Growth" into our daily lives and weekly services. All Saints, Nafferton; St Mary, Wansford: Please pray for both parishes, as we seek to move forward into the future which God has prepared for us. We are seeking to make 2020 a year of growth in discipleship, prayer and mission. Please pray for the strong links between All Saints' Church and Nafferton Primary School to become stronger still and for fresh leadership to be provided for St. Mary's, Wansford as our Churchwarden, John Seaton, comes towards the end of his time in that role. Diocese of South Dakota (The Episcopal Church). Bishop John Tarrant.
Wednesday 18th December.	St Andrew, Bainton; St Michael, Garton on the Wolds; All Saints, Kilnwick; St Mary, Kirkburn; St Andrew, Middleton on the Wolds; All Saints, North Dalton Clergy: The Revd Jane Anderson; Retired Clergy: The Revd Canon Kate Goulder and The Revd Cathryn Conner; Reader: Dorothy Prescott. Please pray for the benefice as we seek ways to support each other across the parishes, and for wider engagement with families and younger people. Please pray also for our two church schools: Middleton and especially Garton on the Wolds C of E Primary Schools, as we seek a new headteacher from February 2020 when Mrs Chadwick leaves. We pray for her and her family as they begin a new life in America. Diocese of South Kerala (South India). Bishop Dharmaraj Rasalam.
Thursday 19th December.	Church Urban Fund - Together Middlesbrough & Cleveland Development Officer: Heather Black Please pray for the work of churches and Christian projects across Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland, who support people struggling in our communities. Diocese of South Rwenzori (Uganda). Bishop Jackson Nzerebende.
Friday 20th December.	Diocesan Strategy Jon Cook Give thanks that God is at work as we seek to reach 20s-40s through our Multiply ministers and Growth Fund, and pray for fruitfulness. Pray that our application for national funding to support work to reach people in our most deprived areas will be successful, and for the effectiveness of the Generous Giving team as they draw alongside parishes to help with their financial challenges. Diocese of South West Tanganyika (Tanzania). Bishop Matthew Mhagama.
Saturday 21st December.	Diocesan Office Please pray for Canon Peter Warry and the team at our Diocesan Office and all those who work with them through Diocesan Boards and Committees. Pray for wisdom and energy for all those involved in providing support and encouragement for the parishes in their mission and ministry. Diocese of Etche (Nigeria). Bishop Precious Nwala.