



Diocese of York Prayer Diary - May 2022

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Wednesday
25th May.
The Venerable Bede, monk, scholar, historian, 735. Aldhelm, bishop, 709. Rogation Day

St Thomas with St Maurice, Lowther Street, York
Clergy: The Revd Al Rycroft.
We are encouraged by new people joining the church since the easing of lockdown. We pray for those still feeling unable to return. We are praying for deepening friendships as we get back together. We pray for those we meet in our midweek activities to experience God's goodness and hear the gospel.
Diocese of Los Angeles. The Episcopal Church.

Thursday
26th May.
Ascension Day

Bishopthorpe Road Parishes: St Andrew, Bishopthorpe, St Chad, York; St Clement, York
Clergy: The Revd Simon Bray, The Ven John Day, The Revd Sue Nightingale, The Revd Anne Paskett, The Revd Michael Learmouth, The Revd John Lee, The Revd Canon Clive Everett-Allen; Churchwardens: Steve Hall, Mary Banbury, Carolyn Jaques; PTO Readers: Mary Andrews, Tom Whaley.
Give thanks for Community Connect at St Clement's and partnership between our churches and other agencies. Pray for the benefice as we settle into a new pattern of worship. Pray for those stepping down and stepping up at annual meetings. Pray for God's guidance as we follow his call to prayer in St Clement's church, seeking for him to do something new there.
Diocese of Louisiana. The Episcopal Church.

Friday
27th May.

St Peter's School, York
Chaplain: The Revd Daniel Jones.
Loving God, we thank you for our school family. Strengthen teachers with their heavy workloads, comfort and restore teachers and pupils who are weary; may students find the motivation they need to do their best, living with determination, resilience and open-mindedness and help us to be the people you would like us to be.
Diocese of Western Louisiana. The Episcopal Church.

Saturday
28th May.
Lanfranc, monk, archbishop, scholar, 1089

York St John University
Chaplain: The Revd Jane Speck.
York St John Chaplaincy offers hospitality, support and friendship to the whole university community, maintaining Christian presence and worship on campus and making provision for all other major faiths. The Chaplaincy is a space where students and staff can bring their own concerns and discuss them freely. The University Chaplain and a voluntary team of Faith Advisers from all Christian denominations and spiritual traditions are available to talk to. Our University Chaplain is Reverend Jane Speck, and she is supported by two Chaplaincy Assistants – Katherine Buckland and Julie Funnell – as well as a team of ten Faith Advisers from all the major world religions.
Diocese of Luapula. The Church of the Province of Central Africa.

Sunday
29th May.
7th Sunday of Easter. Sunday after Ascension Day

Diocesan Network of Vocation Advisers
The Revd Canon Nick Bird
Please pray for our team of vocation advisers who work with those who wish to explore their vocation, whether it be a lay ministry, religious life, Reader ministry or ordination. The team operates under the care of the Diocesan Adviser for Vocations and is coordinated by Revd Canon Nick Bird. Pray that all those who follow Christ will discover a way to live into their vocation.
The Church of South India (United).

Monday
30th May.
Josephine Butler, social reformer, 1906. Joan of Arc, visionary, 1431. Apala Kivebulaya, priest, evangelist, 1933

Newcastle Cathedral
Dean: The Very Revd Geoff Miller.
God our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble; we pray that we may not grow weary of proclaiming the gospel of Christ. May we serve always as a beacon of hope to a suffering world, may we reflect your love to our neighbours in word and deed.
Diocese of Lucknow. The (United) Church of North India.

Tuesday
31st May.
Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

Diocese of Newcastle
Acting Bishop of Newcastle: The Rt Revd Mark Wroe
Give thanks for the ways our Churches have served their communities throughout the pandemic, for the number of parish clergy we can appoint this year, and for the new Diocesan roles which support parish ministry. Pray for the Vacancy in See, and the appointment of the next Bishop of Newcastle.
Diocese of Lui. The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

Sunday
1st May.
3rd Sunday of Easter

Bishop of Selby
The Bishop of Selby: The Rt Revd Dr John Thomson; Personal Assistant: Linda Bunn.
Please pray for our Deanery Leadership Teams preparing their Deanery Plans; for the Rural Life and Faith Group supporting rural mission; for our links post Covid with South Africa and for the Diocesan Environment Steering Committee responding to the Church of England's Net Zero Carbon by 2030 aspiration.
The Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

Monday
2nd May.
Philip and James, Apostles

York Hospital (York & Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust)
Chaplain: The Revd Chris Hayes.
Pray for all the staff to find space and healing to recover from all that Covid has brought. For patients and relatives to find healing and wholeness as they seek help.
Diocese of West Lango. The Church of the Province of Uganda.

Tuesday
3rd May.

York Deanery
Area Dean: The Revd Luke Tillett; Lay Dean: Daniel Brookes; Deanery Secretary: Tim Moore; DFA: Vacant.
The Deanery of York broadly follows the Local Government boundaries of the City of York Council. We are blessed with around forty worshipping communities who work to support their local areas, especially during the challenges of the last two years. We have recently welcomed the Poppleton Parishes into the deanery and Bishopthorpe is now linked with two parishes in the deanery. Please pray for the Deanery Leadership Team, Deanery Synod and PCC's as we all look to the future and plan for how we can reimagine mission and ministry in our city as we seek to Live Christ's Story together.
Diocese of Langtang. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

Wednesday
4th May.
English saints and martyrs of the Reformation Era

St James the Deacon, Acomb Moor, York
Clergy: The Revd Luke Tillett, The Revd Canon John Rendall; Churchwarden: Matthew Parkinson.
Please pray for the people and parish of St James the Deacon, Acomb Moor as we continue to celebrate our Golden Jubilee year. We give thanks to God for fifty years of mission and ministry and look forward to the next. The special theme of the year is: "Faithful to God's future". Pray for wisdom and discernment as we emerge from the pandemic as a church and community and seek to listen and respond to the many and various needs around us with the love of Christ.
Diocese of Lebombo. The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

Thursday
5th May.

St Stephen; St Aidan, Acomb, York
Clergy: The Revd Peter Vivash.
God our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble; we pray that we may not grow weary of proclaiming the gospel of Christ. May we serve always as a beacon of hope to a suffering world, may we reflect your love to our neighbours in word and deed.
Diocese of Leeds. The Church of England.

Friday
6th May.

The Holy Redeemer, Acomb, York; St Everilda, Nether Poppleton, York; All Saints, Upper Poppleton, York; Manor CE Academy
Clergy: The Revd Simon Biddlestone, The Revd Michael Fossett, The Revd Canon Alastair Dunn, The Revd Peter Horsley; Churchwardens: Lynda Salmon, Mark Boast, Mike Hetmanski, Becky Philpott, Michael Lasseter.
Please pray for us as we explore and discern our vision together. For Poppleton, pray for the outcomes of the Vision Day held in January and, for Holy Redeemer, pray for the Vision Day in June. Pray for those exploring Reader ministry. For the parishes and for Manor CE Academy, pray for ever closer relationships.
Diocese of Leicester. The Church of England.

Saturday
7th May.

St Philip and St James, Clifton, York; St Mark, Rawcliffe, York; Clifton Moor Church, York
Clergy: The Revd Andrew Gready.
We pray for the new PCC as they settle in and continue to discern God's vision for the parish as a whole. We pray that our outreach and mission into the local community would increase, and would bear fruit. We pray particularly for our links with local schools and care homes.
Diocese of Lesotho. The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

Sunday
8th May.
4th Sunday of Easter

St Edward the Confessor, Dringhouses, York
Clergy: The Revd Canon Richard Carew, The Revd Angela Morrison, The Revd Letitia Chester, The Revd Susan Collier, The Revd Canon Philip Cousins, The Revd Mark Russell-Smith, The Revd Canon John Young; Readers: Charles Anelay, Martin Bailes, Michael Sargent, Gill Stamp; Churchwardens: Peter Burgess, Debbie Paterson.
Please pray for the parish as we seek to renew our community life following the hardships and separation of Covid. We give thanks for the renewed activity, and pray for wisdom and courage to know how best we can make Jesus visible in our communities in the coming year.
Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda.

Should you have any queries regarding the Prayer Calendar, please do not hesitate to contact The Revd Dr Jenny Wright via email: prayerdiary@archbishopofyork.org or telephone: 01904 707021.

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Monday 9th May.	<p>St Michael-le-Belfrey, York Clergy: The Revd Matthew Porter, The Revd Andy Baker, The Revd Vicky Earll, The Revd Jim Roberts, The Revd Anna Lindley; Readers: Bernadette Burbridge, Chris Dobson, Peter Collier, Walter Stockdale; Churchwardens: Daniel Brookes, Chris Dobson, Remi Oduyemi.</p> <p>We give thanks for the last year, especially sending a team to revitalise Holy Trinity Heworth, and for the establishment of our Post-Pandemic Fund to help with gaps in social action in York. Please pray we will continue to reach out with Christ's love in word and action as we go into the future.</p> <p>Diocese of Lexington. The Episcopal Church.</p>
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Tuesday 10th May.	<p>St Oswald, Fulford, York; St Oswald's CE Primary Clergy: The Revd Canon Sue Sheriff; RPAs: Jackie Tuvey-Smith, Jo Poole; Churchwarden: Bryan Milner.</p> <p>Please pray for a weary but dedicated school staff. Prayers also for our children's work including Forest Church and St Oswald's Tots; and the re-opening of the Village Cafe. Living Out Christ's Story in Fulford and Fishergate by accepting help as well as offering it and working in partnerships.</p> <p>Diocese of Liberia. The Church of the Province of West Africa.</p>
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Wednesday 11th May.	<p>St Mary, Haxby, York; St Nicholas, Wigginton, York Clergy: The Revd Kathryn Jackson.</p> <p>Please pray for our churches as we work together more closely to reach out to our community, for our local families and schools, and for those who have been feeling lonely, isolated and anxious during the pandemic. We also give thanks for the new ways of worshipping and for God's blessing upon us all as we move forward.</p> <p>Diocese of Lichfield. The Church of England.</p>
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Thursday 12th May. Gregory Dix, priest, monk, scholar, 1952	<p>Christ Church, Heworth, York Clergy: The Revd Paul Deo.</p> <p>Pray that we can be faithful to our calling to be people engaged in 'Living Christ's story', people engaged with the community and seeking to serve in more deliberate ways. Pray for flourishing on Sundays and for the ministry of our coffee shop.</p> <p>Diocese of Limerick & Killaloe. The Church of Ireland.</p>
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Friday 13th May. Ascension Day	<p>St Paul, Heslington, York (LEP), Archbishop Holgate's CE School Clergy: Father Adam Romanis, The Revd Dr Peter Mott; Methodist Minister: The Revd Dr John Schofield; Reader: Anne Mott; Local Preacher: Elisa Main; Churchwardens: Bob Cummings, Sue Pearson; Methodist Stewards: Laura Wood, Ruth Schofield.</p> <p>We give thanks for our links with the University of York, particularly through the ecumenical chaplaincy. Please pray for all the people of Heslington Village and the Badger Hill Estate. We pray that we may discover afresh, post-pandemic, what it means to say "All are welcome." Richard Nihill, Lay Chaplain at Archbishop Holgate's School, writes: Please pray for staff and students in the busyness of school life, especially Years 11 and 13 revising for exams. Pray for our daily worship.</p> <p>Diocese of Lincoln. The Church of England.</p>
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Saturday 14th May. Matthias the Apostle	<p>Holy Trinity, Heworth, York; St Wulstan, Heworth, York; Heworth CE Primary Clergy: The Revd Mike Perkins, The Revd Gerald Hovenden, The Revd Jim Roberts; Churchwardens and Readers: Ann Mansfield, Jeremy Muldowney.</p> <p>We give thanks for all God is doing in the parish and the revitalisation of Holy Trinity. Please pray for Revd Mike Perkins, the PCC, leadership team and congregation, as they seek God's guidance in this season. Pray also for all those at Heworth CE Primary, for continued strong links, as well as our mission to the wider community as we seek to serve Jesus and serve Heworth.</p> <p>Diocese of Litoral Ecuador. The Episcopal Church.</p>
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Sunday 15th May. 5th Sunday of Easter	<p>St Leonard's Hospice, York Spiritual Care Lead: The Revd Abi Davison.</p> <p>Please pray for the staff; grant them sound mind as they make decisions, may they be blessed with the wisdom and grace needed to provide the best possible care. Pray too for the patients and their families. Comfort them and give them courage.</p> <p>The Scottish Episcopal Church.</p>
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Monday 16th May. Caroline Chisholm, social reformer, 1877	<p>All Saints, Huntington, York; St Andrew, Earswick and New Earswick, York Clergy: The Revd Ian Birkinshaw, The Revd Chris Park, The Revd Judy Lindsey, The Revd Terence McDonough; Youth and Pioneer Leader: James Simister; Apprentice Children and Family Worker: Isobel Powell; Parish Administrator: Alison Walters; Churchwardens: Peter Aspin, Alison Hodgson, John Farrell.</p> <p>Praise God for recent newcomers and good contacts with local schools, young families and local elderly. Pray that we may discern where to focus our resources for mission in the next year. Pray for 'Presence' our new hybrid worshipping community for older teens, 20s and 30s (part of the 'Multiply' initiative).</p> <p>Diocese of Liverpool. The Church of England.</p>
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Tuesday 17th May.	<p>York City Centre: All Saints, Pavement with St Crux and St Michael, Spurriergate; St Denys; St Helen, Stonegate; St Martin, Coney Street; St Olave with St Giles Clergy: The Revd Liz Hassall, The Revd Dave Hobman, The Revd Nicky Gladstone, The Revd Kingsley Boulton, The Revd Canon Derek Earis, The Revd Stephen Griffith, The Revd Canon Malcolm Grundy, The Revd Brian Harris, The Revd Chris Mitchell, The Revd Sue Rushton, The Revd David Simpson, The Revd Gwynne Wright; Readers: Janet Fox, Jose Knowles, Peter Wells; Churchwardens: Charles Kightley, Anthony Hammersley, Margaret Hammersley, James Ratcliffe, James Finlay, Jane Lockley, Buff Reid, Ben Pugh.</p> <p>Please pray for our curate, Nicky, as she prepares for her priesting and for those exploring vocation to ordained and licensed ministries; for our PCCs as we commit to growing in mission, especially for the Go Green group at St Olave's; for all homeless people in York and those who minister to their various needs.</p> <p>Diocese of Liwolo. The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.</p>
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Wednesday 18th May.	<p>Holy Trinity, Micklegate, York God our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble; we pray that we may not grow weary of proclaiming the gospel of Christ. May we serve always as a beacon of hope to a suffering world, may we reflect your love to our neighbours in word and deed.</p> <p>Diocese of Llandaff. The Church of Wales.</p>
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Thursday 19th May. Dunstan, archbishop, monastic reformer, 988	<p>St Paul, Holgate, York; St Barnabas, Leeman Road, York; St Paul's CE Primary; St Barnabas CE Primary Clergy: The Revd Paul Millard, The Revd Matt Woodcock, The Revd Derek Bailey, The Revd Chris Key; Readers: Monica Dunham, Adrian Church; Churchwardens: Rachel McWalter, Dan Wilkinson, Tony Wilson.</p> <p>We are developing a shared vision between both parishes. Prayers for discernment for this. Please pray for all our members to return. Thanksgiving that we have had new people starting at both churches during the pandemic and for a good number of folk still engaging with or online worship.</p> <p>Missionary Diocese of Lodwar. The Anglican Church of Kenya.</p>
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Friday 20th May. Alcuin, deacon, abbot, 804	<p>St Mary, Bishophill Junior, York Clergy: Vacant; Churchwardens: David Wilson, Graeme Thomas.</p> <p>God our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble; we pray that we may not grow weary of proclaiming the gospel of Christ. May we serve always as a beacon of hope to a suffering world, may we reflect your love to our neighbours in word and deed.</p> <p>Diocese of Lokoja. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).</p>
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Saturday 21st May. Helena, protector of Holy Places, 330	<p>St Hilda, Tang Hall, York Clergy: Vacant; The Revd Paul Wordsworth, The Revd Canon David Casswell; Reader: Olive Wordsworth; Churchwarden: Geraldine Casswell.</p> <p>Please pray for us following the retirement of our incumbent in January. We welcome prayers for God's leading on our way forward, and for growth so that we may continue to be a beacon of God's life and light in the heart of Tang Hall.</p> <p>Diocese of Lomega. The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.</p>
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Sunday 22nd May. 6th Sunday of Easter	<p>St Luke, Burton Stone Lane, York Clergy: Vacant; The Revd Greg Hoyland, The Revd Andy Village, The Revd Sue Rushton, The Revd Liz Carrington; Reader: Lynn Comer; RPAs: Mark Reilly-Usher, Wendy Sculthorp; Churchwardens: Colette Longbottom, David Titterington-Cook.</p> <p>That we will work together wisely in our hub project and use it to serve our community. Grant us generosity and love to help Luke's Larder and give comfort to those people who need to use a food bank in this day and age and in our unequal society.</p> <p>Church of the Province of South East Asia.</p>
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Monday 23rd May. Rogation Day	<p>St Lawrence with St Nicholas, York; St Lawrence's CE Primary Clergy: Father Adam Romanis; Reader: Clive Jackson; Churchwardens: Kevin Atkinson, Margaret Jordan.</p> <p>We give special thanks for our Choral Evensong. We pray for similar growth in our Parish Eucharist congregation, our Junior Choir, our Tuesday lunchtime social, and "Holy Hour" which combines teaching, fellowship, and worship. We pray for those to be confirmed by Bishop John Thomson on Whitsunday. Please pray for our Parish Primary School (Head: Helen Coles). Shifting demographics are resulting in reducing pupil numbers which is not easy to manage - pray for us and our neighbouring schools.</p> <p>Diocese of London. The Church of England.</p>
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Tuesday 24th May. John and Charles Wesley, Evangelists, hymn writers, 1791 and 1788. Rogation Day	<p>All Saints, North Street, York Clergy: Vacant; Churchwarden: Jill Marshall.</p> <p>God our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble; we pray that we may not grow weary of proclaiming the gospel of Christ. May we serve always as a beacon of hope to a suffering world, may we reflect your love to our neighbours in word and deed.</p> <p>Diocese of Long Island. The Episcopal Church.</p>
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