





Wednesday 23	DURHAM DIOCESE Upper Skerne TM. Trimdon Village, St Mary Magdalene. Give thanks for the improvements in the church building and pray for initiatives in deepening prayer and spiritual life. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Maseno North - (Kenya) Bp Simon Oketch ALL GOD'S PEOPLE Tajikistan. Pop. 7 million. The end to a civil war in the 1990s has failed to recover the country's economy and many of its people live in poverty with little hope for the future.
Thursday 24 	DURHAM DIOCESE Give thanks and pray for for the retired clergy in the Deanery and for the work they do supporting the parishes including Les Barron, Mel Gray, Martin King, David Garratt, Mike Dixon and Jim Frances. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Masindi-Kitara - (Uganda) Bp Stanley Ntagali THE WORLD AT RISK Many children are starving in our world – pray that international aid will reach those who so desperately need it.
Friday 25 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Newton Aycliffe police chaplain David Tomlinson and the police and civilian staff he serves. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Massachusetts - (Province I, USA) Bp M Thomas Shaw SOCIAL ACTION Pray for the ongoing work of DFW Adoption seeking secure and loving homes for young children and for their special Centenary celebrations during this year.
Saturday 26 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for staff, pupils and governors of Bishop Middleham CofE primary school and St Francis CofE junior school. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Masvingo - (Central Africa) Bp Godfrey Taonezvi THE PERSECUTED CHURCH Pray for stability in Nigeria where attacks against churches have risen sharply in recent weeks.
Sunday 27 2 before Lent	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Vacancy in See Committee as work continues to find a successor to Bishop Tom as Bishop of Durham. ANGLICAN COMMUNION The Most Revd Dr John Chew, Archbishop of South East Asia & Bishop of Singapore LESOTHO PARISHES St Matthew's, Malealea (<i>vacant</i>)
Monday 28 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Bishop's Staff Team meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Matabeleland - (Central Africa) Bp Cleophas Lunga THE WORLD AROUND US At the start of Fairtrade Fortnight, pray for the initiatives to better inform people about the benefits of fairly traded goods from the developing world. Pray for the producers themselves - that they can independently work their way out of poverty through trade.

Sources include: The Anglican Communion website, WWF, Release International, Open Doors, BBC News website and CARE.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer is now available as a downloadable pdf from the Diocesan website: www.durham.anglican.org






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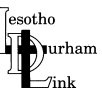
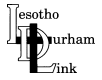


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CYCLE OF PRAYER

Our prayers for The Body of Christ in Durham Diocese focus this month on SEDFIELD DEANERY	
Tuesday 1 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Closed Church Uses committee meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Machakos - (Kenya) Bp Joseph Kanuku THE LESOTHO LINK Pray that the final arrangements to be made for the visit by 30 Basotho to Durham Diocese at the end of February will go smoothly and their arrival will be trouble free.
Wednesday 2	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Houses Committee meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Madhya Kerala - (South India) Bp Thomas Samuel NORTH ELBIA LINK Pray for St Lukas, Hamburg and Pastor Friedholm Nolte preparing to visit Monkwearmouth in April, and for Eirene Parish, Hamburg in its hospitality, care and witness towards the young and elderly.
Thursday 3	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Liturgical Committee meeting tonight. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Madi & West Nile - (Uganda) Bp Joel Obetia ALBA IULIA LINK Pray for the Alba Iulia diocesan radio station, Radio Reintregirea.
Friday 4 	DURHAM DIOCESE Sedgefield Deanery. <i>Keith Lumsdon (Area Dean), Michael Morrison (Lay Chair), (Secretary - Vacant), Harry Slater (Treasurer)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Madurai-Ramnad - (South India) Bp A Christopher Asir LESOTHO PARISHES St John's, Mafeteng (Fr Solomon Lebona)
Saturday 5 	DURHAM DIOCESE Cassop cum Quarrington with Bowburn, Christ the King. <i>John Livesley (Priest in Charge)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Mahajanga - (Indian Ocean) Bp Jean-Claude Andrianjafimanana. HEALING & WHOLENESS Pray for those struggling to recover from the winter flu virus – particularly the elderly, the young and those with underlying health concerns.
Sunday 6 5 before Lent	DURHAM DIOCESE Cornforth, Holy Trinity. <i>Keith Lumsdon (Vicar).</i> Pray for Cornforth and its continued growth. For the Parish of Cornforth and Ferryhill. ANGLICAN COMMUNION The Most Revd Dr Mouneer Hanna Anis, President Bishop, Jerusalem & the Middle East & Bishop in Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa THE WORLD AROUND US Pray for peace in the Ivory Coast following weeks of political unrest after disputed presidential elections.
Monday 7 	DIOCESAN FAMILY Pray for the clergy and laity from the Diocese attending General Synod over the next five days. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Maiduguri - (Province of Jos, Nigeria) The Most Revd Emmanuel Mani ALL GOD'S PEOPLE Macau. Pop. 526,000. The tiny region of China has seen major commercial and tourist advances in recent years, but its people are yet to see benefits for themselves.
Tuesday 8 	DIOCESAN FAMILY Pray for the Diocesan Advisory Committee meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Maine - (Province I, USA) Bp Stephen Lane THE WORLD AT RISK Pray that the decisions made at the UN Climate Summit in Mexico in December will be followed through to try and reduce harmful emissions.

<p>Wednesday 9</p> 	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Ferryhill, St Luke. <i>Keith Lumsdon (Vicar), Les Lewis, Jean Watson, Linda Lindsay (Readers), Kathleen Armstrong (APA).</i> Pray for the Children's and youth ministry team. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Makamba - (Burundi) Bp Martin Nyaboho SOCIAL ACTION During National Marriage Week, thank God for the gift of marriage and the love and security it brings. Pray also for couples experiencing difficulties in their marriages.</p>
<p>Thursday 10</p> 	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Great Aycliffe Team Ministry. Aycliffe, St Andrew. <i>Linda Potter (Team Rector), Julie Wing (Team Vicar), Jan Carr, Norman Potter, Sarah Jay (Readers), David Scott (Reader in Year 1 Training), Pam Lovelass (APA)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Makurdi - (Province of Abuja, Nigeria) Bp Nathan Inyom THE PERSECUTED CHURCH Open Doors is reporting that four Christians in Algeria are facing trial for 'illegally opening a place of worship'. Pray for a satisfactory outcome to this trial and that all Christians will be respected for their faith.</p>
<p>Friday 11</p> 	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Great Aycliffe TM. Newton Aycliffe, St Clare. <i>Linda Potter (Team Rector), Julie Wing (Team Vicar), Jan Carr, Norman Potter, Sarah Jay (Readers), David Scott (Reader in Year 1 Training), Pam Lovelass (APA)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Malaita - (Melanesia) The Rt Revd Samuel Sahu - Assistant Bishop of Malaita - (Melanesia) The Revd Alfred Hou. THE LESOTHO LINK Give thanks for all those people in the Diocese who are opening their homes to host visitors from Lesotho. Pray that it will be a mutually rewarding experience for guests and hosts alike.</p>
<p>Saturday 12</p> 	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Great Aycliffe TM. Woodham, St Elizabeth. <i>Linda Potter (Team Rector), Julie Wing (Team Vicar), Jan Carr, Norman Potter, Sarah Jay (Readers), David Scott (Reader in Year 1 Training), Pam Lovelass (APA).</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Malakal - (Sudan) Bp Hilary Garang LESOTHO PARISHES St John's, Pokane (Fr Joseph Leodi).</p>
<p>Sunday 13</p> <p>4 before Lent</p>	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Great Aycliffe TM. Horndale, St Francis. <i>Linda Potter (Team Rector), Julie Wing (Team Vicar), Jan Carr, Norman Potter, Sarah Jay (Readers), David Scott (Reader in Year 1 Training), Pam Lovelass (APA)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION The Most Revd Henry Luke Orombi, Archbishop of Uganda & Bishop of Kampala ALL GOD'S PEOPLE Tuvalu. Pop. 11,000. The group of nine islands in the Pacific Ocean are at risk of being swamped by rising sea levels due to climate change.</p>
<p>Monday 14</p> 	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Chilton, St Aidan. As the parish wait for a new incumbent pray for the Churchwardens Jenny Cameron and Elizabeth Nixon, for the parish representatives, Michael Morrison and Kathleen Edmenson and for the PCC. Also for those leading 1st@4. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Manchester - (York, England) Bp Nigel McCulloch HEALING & WHOLENESS Pray for people living with any form of disability – whether physical or mental. Give them the strength to enjoy their lives to the best of their ability.</p>
<p>Tuesday 15</p> 	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Coxhoe, St Mary. As they wait for a new incumbent, pray for the Churchwardens Joyce Levy and Eric Lynn, for the parish representatives, John Davies and Angela Lee and for the PCC. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Mandalay - (Myanmar) Bp Saw Noel Nay Lin THE WORLD AROUND US Many people still live in extreme poverty in our world. Pray that efforts like the Make Poverty History campaign will stir governments into action to tackle this unnecessary issue.</p>

<p>Wednesday 16</p>	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Kelloe St Helen. As the parish await a new incumbent pray for the Churchwarden Glenys King, for the parish representatives Glenys King and George Reed and for the PCC. Also for their lay reader George Reed and Reader in Training, Kevin Kitson. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Manicaland - (Central Africa) Vacant THE WORLD AT RISK Pray for organisations involved in tackling conservation issues and efforts to protect our vulnerable planet.</p>
<p>Thursday 17</p> 	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Northumbrian Industrial Mission - passionate about mission. Give thanks for the enormous amount of volunteering that is given throughout our churches and in our communities, without which many people would be without friendship and support. We ask for God's guidance and wisdom in any implementation of the 'The Big Society' which many feel already exists but is not valued. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Mara - (Tanzania) Bp Hilkiah Deya SOCIAL ACTION As councils across the UK start to look at ways of saving money because of their budget cuts, pray for those making difficult decisions and those whose lives will be affected as a result.</p>
<p>Friday 18</p> 	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE The Upper Skerne Team Ministry. <i>Michael Gobbett (Team Rector), Philip Tait (Team Vicar), Alison Richardson (Curate), Brian Whitehead, William Armstrong, Jennifer Skinner, Michael King (Readers).</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Marathwada - (North India) Bp Madhukar Kasab THE PERSECUTED CHURCH Pray for Christians detained in Afghanistan and for those who face trial without access to lawyers.</p>
<p>Saturday 19</p> 	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Upper Skerne TM. Bishop Middleham, St Michael. Pray for St Michael's CofE School and its continuing development. Give thanks for growth in contact with families and children through alternative Sunday worship. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Maridi - (Sudan) Bp Justin Arama THE LESOTHO LINK Pray for the events in every deanery that they will provide many people across the Diocese with the opportunity to learn more about the LINK we have with the people and churches in Lesotho.</p>
<p>Sunday 20</p> <p>3 before Lent</p>	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Upper Skerne TM. Fishburn, St Catherine. Give thanks for the Friday morning café and pray for its further development in drawing people into fellowship and worship. ANGLICAN COMMUNION The Most Revd Dr. Barry Cennydd Morgan, Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of Llandaff LESOTHO PARISHES St Bartholomew's, Sekameng (Fr Thabo Sefants'i)</p>
<p>Monday 21</p>	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Upper Skerne TM. Sedgfield, St Edmund. Give thanks for the development work with children and young people. Pray for generosity in responding to financial challenges. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Maryland - (Province III, USA) Bp Eugene Sutton HEALING & WHOLENESS Pray for those people who are blind or partially sighted and give thanks for the work being done to give people greater accessibility in society.</p>
<p>Tuesday 22</p> 	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Upper Skerne TM. Trimdon Grange, St Alban. Give thanks for the Wednesday Lunch Club and its outreach and care for people within the Trimdon villages. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Masasi - (Tanzania) Bp Patrick Mwachiko THE WORLD AROUND US We give thanks for countries where freedom of speech is permitted, but pray that countries which do not allow it, will work to create open and transparent societies.</p>