




<p>Sunday 27 <b>Lent 3</b></p> 	<p><b>DURHAM DIOCESE</b> Pray for the staff, pupils and governors of St John's Aided Church primary school in Shildon.  <b>ANGLICAN COMMUNION</b> Mount Kenya Central - (Kenya) Bp Isaac Nganga                  Moderator, CNI &amp; Bishop of North East India  <b>SOCIAL ACTION</b> On Census Day 2011, pray for the tens of thousands of people across the UK who are administering the survey. May the results help shape the future direction of this country.</p>
<p>Monday 28</p>	<p><b>DURHAM DIOCESE</b> Pray for the Bishop's Staff Team meeting today.  <b>ANGLICAN COMMUNION</b> Mount Kilimanjaro - (Tanzania) Bp Simon Makundi  <b>HEALING &amp; WHOLENESS</b> Give thanks for the popularity of sport in our country and pray that financial investment is maintained to support aspiring athletes competing for a place in the 2012 Olympic Games.</p>
<p>Tuesday 29</p> 	<p><b>DURHAM DIOCESE</b> Pray for Durham Constabulary Chaplaincy Team as they meet at Durham Police HQ. Give thanks for their work in supporting police teams across the Diocese.  <b>ANGLICAN COMMUNION</b> Mpumalanga - (South Africa) Bp Leslie Walker  <b>THE WORLD AROUND US</b> We continue to pray for our fragile world and its dwindling resources.</p>
<p>Wednesday 30</p>	<p><b>DURHAM DIOCESE</b> Pray for the staff and pupils at St Anne's Controlled Church school in . Bishop Auckland.  <b>ANGLICAN COMMUNION</b> Mpwapwa - (Tanzania) Bp Jacob Chimeledya  <b>ALL GOD'S PEOPLE</b> Somalia. Pop. 14 million. Pray for stability and peace as hijackings and lawlessness continue to grip the country.</p>
<p>Thursday 31</p> 	<p><b>DURHAM DIOCESE</b> Pray for Bishop Mark as he continues to lead the Diocese as we await the appointment of a new diocesan bishop.  <b>ANGLICAN COMMUNION</b> Mthatha (formerly St John's) - (South Africa) Bp Dr Sitembele Mzamane  <b>THE WORLD AT RISK</b> Give thanks for countries working to reduce their carbon emissions and pray that countries yet to agree targets will do so this year.</p>

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

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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 <b>AUCKLAND DEANERY</b>	
<p>Tuesday 1</p> 	<p><b>DURHAM DIOCESE</b> Pray for the Diocesan Advisory Committee and the Bishop's Council Enabling Group both meeting today.  <b>ANGLICAN COMMUNION</b> Matlosane - (South Africa) Bp Stephen Diseko  <b>THE LESOTHO LINK</b> Pray for the 25th Anniversary Celebration Service in Durham Cathedral on Saturday 5th March that it will be a joyful and memorable celebration of our oneness in God's kingdom.</p>
<p>Wednesday 2</p>	<p><b>DURHAM DIOCESE Auckland Deanery.</b> <i>Nick Barker (Archdeacon), Neville Vine (Area Dean), Barrie Kirton (Lay Chair), May Crawford (Secretary), Frances Cooper (Treasurer)</i>  <b>ANGLICAN COMMUNION</b> Dallas - (Province VII, USA) Bp James Stanton  <b>NORTH ELBIA LINK</b> For the North Elbian Church and the Diocese of Durham's learning from each other in the Church's mission among people who are marginalised in our societies.</p>
<p>Thursday 3</p>	<p><b>DURHAM DIOCESE Auckland, St Andrew.</b> <i>Neville Vine (Vicar), Alan Barrasford, William Sawyer (Readers), Frances Cooper (Reader in Year 2 Training)</i>  <b>ANGLICAN COMMUNION</b> Mbale - (Uganda) Bp Patrick Gidudu  <b>ALBA IULIA LINK</b> Give thanks for progress with the Tarnaveni children's centre, now started in temporary accommodation.</p>
<p>Friday 4</p> 	<p><b>DURHAM DIOCESE</b> On Women's World Day of Prayer, pray and give thanks for the work of the Mothers' Union in our Diocese. We particularly thank them for the many hours of voluntary work they undertake each year in supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged people.  <b>ANGLICAN COMMUNION</b> Mbamili - (Province of Niger, Nigeria) Bp Henry Okeke  <b>LESOTHO PARISHES</b> St Peter's, Qhoali (<i>awaiting an incumbent</i>)</p>
<p>Saturday 5</p> 	<p><b>DURHAM DIOCESE</b> Pray for Sheila Bamber and Pauline James who are leading training for would-be Bible study group leaders in the Sedgfield and Auckland Deaneries at Ferryhill St Luke today, under the title: 'Let the Bible do the work'.  <b>ANGLICAN COMMUNION</b> Mbeere - (Kenya) Bp Moses Nthuka  <b>THE WORLD AROUND US</b> Pray for countries facing economic uncertainty which is putting pressure on their environmental commitments.</p>
<p>Sunday 6 <b>1 before Lent</b></p>	<p><b>DURHAM DIOCESE Auckland, St Anne.</b> <i>Neville Vine (Vicar), Alan Barrasford, William Sawyer (Readers), Frances Cooper (Reader in Year 2 Training)</i>  <b>ANGLICAN COMMUNION</b> The Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo, Archbishop of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon  <b>HEALING &amp; WHOLENESS</b> We pray for all newborn babies, especially those whose early childhood is blighted by ill health - particularly those born premature. Give strength to their parents during difficult days and weeks.</p>
<p>Monday 7</p>	<p><b>DIOCESAN FAMILY Auckland, St Helen.</b> <i>Robert McTeer (Vicar)</i>  <b>ANGLICAN COMMUNION</b> Meath &amp; Kildare - (Dublin) The Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke.  <b>ALL GOD'S PEOPLE</b> Mexico. Pop. 110 million. Drugs are a major problem in society with violent crime resulting in nearly 30,000 deaths since 2006.</p>
<p>Tuesday 8</p> 	<p><b>DIOCESAN FAMILY</b> Pray for the Diocesan Board of Finance Executive meeting today.  <b>ANGLICAN COMMUNION</b> Pray for the International Anglican Women's Network as it connects Anglican women across the world, and encourages and enables women to become influential and equal participants throughout the Communion and in their own communities.  <b>THE WORLD AT RISK</b> Pray for efforts to tackle pollution in our world's streams, rivers and lakes which is endangering marine life.</p>

Wednesday 9 <b>Ash</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	DURHAM DIOCESE <b>Auckland, St Peter.</b> ( <i>Awaiting an incumbent</i> ) ANGLICAN COMMUNION Medak - (South India) Bp Badda Sugandhar. SOCIAL ACTION Give thanks for those who work in the charitable sector and for the thousands of volunteers who support their work.
Thursday 10	DURHAM DIOCESE <b>Byers Green, St Peter.</b> ( <i>Awaiting an incumbent</i> ) ANGLICAN COMMUNION Melbourne - (Victoria, Australia) The Most Revd Philip Freier THE PERSECUTED CHURCH Pray for efforts to engage Libya in the Christian faith and the love of Christ Jesus.
Friday 11 	DURHAM DIOCESE <b>Coundon, St James and Eldon, St Mark.</b> <i>Gary Nicholson (Priest-in-charge)</i> . Pray for Fr Gary and the church council as they approach the final stage of the £350,000 reorder of the building as part of 'The Learning Porch' project at Coundon. Pray for them as they seek guidance and inspiration regarding a new phase of mission and ministry in the village communities they serve. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Meru - (Kenya) Bp Charles Mwendwa THE LESOTHO LINK Give thanks for all the experiences which the team from Lesotho will have had during their visit and pray that they will return home with a fresh commitment to promoting the LINK with Durham in Lesotho.
Saturday 12	DURHAM DIOCESE <b>Croxdale, St Bartholomew; Tudhoe, St David and Merrington, St John the Evangelist.</b> <i>Gary Norman (Priest-in-charge)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Michigan - (Province V, USA) Bp Wendell Gibbs LESOTHO PARISHES St Barnabas', Qacha's Nek (Fr Peter Panyane Lesekele)
Sunday 13 <b>Lent 1</b>	DURHAM DIOCESE <b>Escomb, St John; Etherley, St Cuthbert and Witton Park, St Paul in Plurality.</b> <i>Richard Deimel (Priest-in-charge), Margaret Deimel (SSM Associate Priest), Derek Jago (Reader)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Minna - (Province of Abuja, Nigeria) Bp Daniel Yisa ALL GOD'S PEOPLE Belize. Pop. 312,000. Tourism is helping to support the country's economy, but the impact on wildlife is proving a challenge for authorities trying to protect vulnerable species.
Monday 14	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Houses Committee meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Minnesota - (Province VI, USA) Bp James Jelinek THE WORLD AROUND US On Commonwealth Day, pray for her Majesty the Queen and for each of the 54 member states.
Tuesday 15	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Mission and Pastoral Committee meeting tonight. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Missionary Area of Macau - (Hong Kong) The Revd Simon Fan HEALING & WHOLENESS Bless the sick in body and mind and pray for those tasked with their care and wellbeing.
Wednesday 16 	DURHAM DIOCESE <b>Hamsterley, St James and Witton-le-Wear, St Philip and St James.</b> <i>Richard Deimel (Priest-in-charge), Margaret Deimel (SSM Associate Priest)</i> . ANGLICAN COMMUNION Missionary District of Oeste-Brasil (Brazil) Bp Almir Dos Santos THE WORLD AT RISK Pray for countries affected by natural disasters including earthquakes, tsunamis, and storms. What can last just seconds can take a generation to rebuild. Pray for those whose lives are torn apart by these disasters.
Thursday 17 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Glebe Committee meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Mississippi - (Province IV, USA) Bp Duncan Gray THE PERSECUTED CHURCH We ask God to protect Christians who face persecution for their faith across the world. At this time we pray for Christians in Mauritania, China and Sri Lanka.

Friday 18 	DURHAM DIOCESE <b>Shildon, St John.</b> <i>Rupert Kalus (Vicar), David Tomlinson (Curate)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Missouri - (Province V, USA) Bp George Smith THE LESOTHO LINK Pray for all the school children, Mothers' Union members, medical staff, teachers, clergy and others who have come into contact with the team from Lesotho, that interests kindled by their visit will bear fruit in continuing relationships with Lesotho.
Saturday 19 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Mark, from Hexham to Durham to mark St Cuthbert's Day. Pray for all taking part, for the Sung Eucharist in Hexham Abbey, and Choral Evensong at Durham Cathedral. LESOTHO PARISHES St Stephen's, Mohale's Hoek (Ven. Joseph Ntlamelle)
Sunday 20 <b>Lent 2</b>	DURHAM DIOCESE <b>Spennymoor, St Paul.</b> <i>Lynda Gough (Vicar), Elizabeth Round (APA), the Church Staff Team and members of PCC.</i> As the Church moves forward as a Shared Ministry Parish, pray for the outreach work taking place and in particular for last weekend's Faith Sharing Weekend with ordinands from Cranmer Hall. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Mombasa - (Kenya) Bp Julius Kalu HEALING & WHOLENESS Thank God for the joy that family life brings to our society and pray for homes where there is division and tension.
Monday 21	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Diocesan Board of Education meeting tonight. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Pray for the International Anglican Liturgical Consultation and its mission to resource and communicate liturgical issues across the Anglican Communion. SOCIAL ACTION At the start of Share the Care Week, pray for all carers throughout the UK who work so tirelessly for the good of others.
Tuesday 22	DURHAM DIOCESE <b>Whitworth Church.</b> <i>Lynda Gough (Vicar).</i> Give thanks for recent fundraising efforts to save their historic organ and for the continued mission of this tiny Church. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Monmouth - (Wales) Bp Dominic Walker THE WORLD AROUND US We give thanks for the Bible as the King James version marks its 400th anniversary. May it continue to be an inspiration to millions of people around the world who draw from its teaching.
Wednesday 23	DURHAM DIOCESE <b>Tudhoe Grange, St Andrew.</b> <i>John Livesley (Priest-in-charge)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Montana - (Province VI, USA) Bp Charles Brookhart ALL GOD'S PEOPLE Honduras. Pop. 7 million. As one of the least developed countries in Central America, corruption, military rule and crime all continue to stall efforts to bring about change.
Thursday 24 	DURHAM DIOCESE <b>Woodhouse Close C.D.</b> <i>Brenda Jones (Priest-in-charge), Linda Dodds (OLM Curate), Teresa Sutton (Reader), Jane Armstrong (APA)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Montreal - (Canada) Bp Barry Clarke THE WORLD AT RISK Pray for the work of WWF in raising awareness of global environmental concerns.
Friday 25 	DURHAM DIOCESE Give thanks and pray for the retired clergy in the Auckland Deanery and for the work they do supporting the parishes. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Moray, Ross & Caithness - (Scotland) Bp Mark Strange THE PERSECUTED CHURCH Pray for Christians in Somalia who are finding it difficult to meet for prayer and worship and for their protection from harm.
Saturday 26 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Bishop's Council meeting today. this evening and pray for their families and parishes as they enter their new priestly ministries. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Morogoro - (Tanzania) Bp Dudley Mageni LESOTHO PARISHES Holy Trinity, Quthing (Revd. Cn Philip Posholi)