












Thursday 23	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Council for Mission meeting tonight. ANGLICAN COMMUNION New York (Province II, USA) Bp Egbert Taylor HEALING & WHOLENESS Binge drinking still continues to be an issue in society. We pray that young people will take notice of government campaigns and drink responsibly to avoid long term health risks.
Friday 24 	DURHAM DIOCESE Give thanks for members of the Diocesan Mothers' Union who have knitted Trauma Teddy Bears so that soldiers serving abroad can give them to the children of Helmand province in Afghanistan. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Niagara (Ontario, Canada) Bp Michael Bird THE PERSECUTED CHURCH Pray for Christians living in Egypt and for the persecution and fear that some people are subjected to.
Saturday 25 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for 'The Puzzle of Pastoral Care' event taking place in Bishop Auckland today. Pray that more people will come to understand the importance of pastoral care in the life of their parishes. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Niassa (South Africa) Bp Mark van Koeving HEALING & WHOLENESS We pray for all people who have suffered a stroke and those who care for them, either in hospital or at home.
Sunday 26 Easter 3	DURHAM DIOCESE A year on from the start of the Just 10 series, we give thanks for those who came to Christ and for those who recommitted their lives to Christ during the event. Pray that the work over those ten weeks and in the year since, will leave a lasting legacy in the Diocese. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Nicaragua (Central America) Bp Sturdie Downs WORLD PEACE As British troops prepare to withdraw from Iraq, pray that peace will prevail and that the Iraqi police force can maintain law and order to help create a stable and secure future for the country.
Monday 27 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for DFW Adoption Trustees and Chairman Stuart Bain as they seek new ways of raising vital funds to enable to work of the agency to flourish. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Niger Delta North - (Nigeria) Bp Ignatius Kattey THE WORLD AT RISK Pray for Borneo's rapidly disappearing forests and the crisis facing the Orang Utan population.
Tuesday 28 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for those in the Diocese who are preparing for Confirmation. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Niger Delta West (Nigeria) Bp Adoluphus Amabebe THE LESOTHO LINK for the LINK staff in Lesotho as they apply to the Global Fund for funding to develop the environmental education work they are doing with schools and local community groups.
Wednesday 29	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Area Deans residential meeting today and tomorrow. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Niger Delta (Nigeria) Bp Gabriel Pepple HEALING & WHOLENESS Malaria kills up to three million people worldwide every year. We pray that governments provide the resources needed to control and prevent this disease.
Thursday 30	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Liturgical Committee meeting today. appointed as Mission Enabler at St Mary Magdalene. Belmont. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Niger Delta (Nigeria) Bp Gabriel Pepple ALL GOD'S PEOPLE With elections under way in India, we pray that the process will be free, fair and democratic and that it will not be disrupted by violence.

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CYCLE OF PRAYER

Our prayers for the Body of Christ in DURHAM DIOCESE this month focus on GATESHEAD WEST DEANERY	
Wednesday 1	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Diocesan Advisory Committee and the Board of Finance meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Namirembe - (Uganda) Bp Samuel Ssekkadde. HEALING & WHOLENESS Chester-le-Street community hospital chaplains – Dorothy Wilson, Paul Tully, Kevin Tromans; and all the staff who work there offering care for those both in the hospital for a time, and visiting its many clinics.
Thursday 2	DURHAM DIOCESE Gateshead West Deanery. <i>Keith Teasdale (Area Dean), Anne Lindsley (Lay Chair), Bob Hopper (Surrogate), John Smith (Finance/Stewardship Officer), Fenwick Thornton (Treasurer)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Nandyal - (South India) Bp P J Lawrence OUR WORLD On International Children's Book Day we pray for those children who cannot read and whose lives are not enriched by the vibrancy stories can bring.
Friday 3 	DURHAM DIOCESE Blaydon, St Cuthbert and Swalwell, Holy Trinity. <i>Adrian Thorp (Rector), Helen Thorp (SSM Associate Priest), Lorna Gardner (Reader).</i> Bless their plans for Back to Church Sunday, a renewal of children's work using messy church and also for the new Ministry Development Team. Pray also for the Deanery Fresh Expression of Church 'SoulSpace'. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Nasik - (North India) Bp Kamble Pradip OUR WORLD Following the meeting of the G20 leaders at The London Summit, pray that their discussions will bring a coordinated response to help tackle the economic crisis and bring stability and growth to our world.
Saturday 4 	DURHAM DIOCESE Chopwell, St John the Evangelist. <i>Paul Murray (Priest in Charge)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION The Most Revd Drexel Wellington Gomez Archbishop, Church in the Province of the West Indies & Bishop of Nassau & The Bahamas & The Turks & Caicos Islands THE LESOTHO LINK There has been a dramatic increase in the number of people in Lesotho seeking ARVs to combat the effects of AIDS. Pray for the health staff as they deliver the drugs, remembering particularly Revd Dr Rathabaneng, who has come out of retirement to assist with the programme.
Sunday 5 Palm Sunday	DURHAM DIOCESE At the start of Holy Week, pray for all Diocesan clergy and give them strength and encouragement during the many services they will undertake. ANGLICAN COMMUNION The Church in Wales. A.Bp. Dr. Barry Cennydd Morgan. ALBA IULIA LINK Pray for Bishop Tom as he prepares to attend a theological symposium in Alba Iulia, as guest of Archbishop Andrei.
Monday 6 	DURHAM DIOCESE Dunston, St Nicholas with Christ Church. <i>Keith Teasdale (Vicar), Barbara Bone, Ann Smith (Readers)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Natal - (South Africa) Bp Rubin Phillip ALL GOD'S PEOPLE More than 210 people died in Australia's worst ever bushfires. Pray for those who mourn and for those whose lives have been destroyed as they try to find a way forward.

Tuesday 7	DURHAM DIOCESE Crawcrook, Church of the Holy Spirit and Greenside, St John. <i>Clive Devonish (Vicar), Kathryn Frederiksen (Reader)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Navajoland Area Mission (Province VIII, USA) <i>Vacant</i> THE WORLD AROUND US On World Health Day, pray for the work of the World Health Organisation and for the millions of people deprived of basic medical care.
Wednesday 8	DURHAM DIOCESE High Spen, St Patrick and Rowlands Gill, St Barnabas. <i>Stephen Hewitt (Vicar), Sheena Hewitt, Rosamund Stocks (Readers)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Nebbi (Uganda) Bp Alphonse Watho-kudi SOCIAL ACTION Pray for people facing an uncertain future, particularly those who have been made unemployed and those living under the threat of redundancy.
Thursday 9 Maunder Thursday	DURHAM DIOCESE Give thanks and pray for the clergy of the Diocese as they gather together in Durham Cathedral to renew their ordination vows today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Bishop Coadjutor of Nassau & The Bahamas - (West Indies) The Rt Revd Laish Zane Boyd WORLD PEACE We pray that the new unity government of Zimbabwe will hold so that the country can move forward in rebuilding its economy and we thank our Archbishops for their recent appeal to help the millions of people suffering from famine and disease.
Friday 10 Good Friday	DURHAM DIOCESE Give thanks for the cross and all it means for Christians celebrating through processions of witness and special services today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Nebraska (Province VI, USA) Bp. Joe Burnett WORLD PEACE We pray for our Armed Forces engaged in conflicts around the world and for their families awaiting their return. As Christ made the ultimate sacrifice on this Good Friday, we remember those service personnel who have paid the ultimate sacrifice serving their country and the cause of peace.
Saturday 11 Easter Eve	DURHAM DIOCESE During this time of waiting may it be an opportunity for reflection and prayer in anticipation of the joy of Easter Day tomorrow. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Nelson (New Zealand) Bp Victor Ellena. SOCIAL ACTION We pray for people who are bullied, either at school, at work, or in the home. We pray for anti-bullying charities including BullyingUK, Kidscape and Childline.
Sunday 12 Easter Day	DURHAM DIOCESE Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! On the day we remember our Lord Jesus Christ rising from the dead, pray for all the churches throughout the Diocese celebrating His glorious resurrection. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Suffragan Bishop of Natal (South Africa) Bp Funginkosi Niclaus Mbhele THE LESOTHO LINK Give thanks for the success of two Christian camps run by the LINK in conjunction with Lesotho diocese for around 80 Anglican young people and pray for guidance as they plan more for next year.
Monday 13	DURHAM DIOCESE Lobley Hill, All Saints and Marley Hill, St Cuthbert. <i>Bob Hopper (Vicar), Selina Beck, Thomas Bolton, Suzanne Rayner (Readers)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Nevada - (Province VIII, USA) <i>Vacant</i> HEALING & WHOLENESS Jade Goody's recent battle with cervical cancer highlighted the need for early screenings. Pray that more women will receive early screening and diagnosis.
Tuesday 14 	DURHAM DIOCESE Ryton, Holy Cross. <i>Tom Jamieson (Rector), Lyn Jamieson (Associate Priest / Metro Centre Chaplain), Tracy Reynolds (Curate), Jenny Roberts (Reader), Alex Sewell (Children's Worker).</i> Pray for the parish as they embark on the Growing the Kingdom course this Eastertide. ANGLICAN COMMUNION National Indigenous Bishop - (Rupert's Land, Canada) Bp Mark MacDonald ALL GOD'S PEOPLE Following the recent murders in Northern Ireland, we pray for stability and unity in the Province and that these callous acts are not the start of a renewed campaign of violence.

Wednesday 15	DURHAM DIOCESE Whickham, St Mary the Virgin. <i>Barry Abbott (Rector), Jon Barron (Curate), Jill Abbott, Malcolm Mace (Readers), Margaret Mace (APA)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION New Guinea Islands (Papua New Guinea) Bp Allan Migi WORLD PEACE Renewed fighting between Tamil Tiger rebels and Sri Lankan forces has left scores of people dead and thousands displaced. We pray that this fighting will end and that unity and peace will once again be restored so that civilians do not have to live in fear.
Thursday 16 	DURHAM DIOCESE Winlaton, St Paul. <i>Gordon Harper (Rector), Brian Davy (Reader).</i> Give thanks for their growing congregation, establishing of Shared Ministry Development Team, youth club and new music. Pray for baptism and confirmation candidates, lighting project and the many unemployed. ANGLICAN COMMUNION New Hampshire - (Province I, USA) Bp Gene Robinson ALL GOD'S PEOPLE Since the start of the year more than 1,000 people have died in drug related murders in Mexico. We continue to hold this mindless violence in our minds and pray that the troops sent in by the government will help to restore order.
Friday 17	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School – its pupils, teachers, governors and support staff. ANGLICAN COMMUNION New Jersey (Province II, USA) Bp George Councill THE WORLD AROUND US Pray that the recently elected coalition government in Israel can work together for the good of all people in the region.
Saturday 18 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for all the retired clergy in the Gateshead West Deanery for the invaluable service they provide to our parishes, especially those awaiting an incumbent ANGLICAN COMMUNION New Westminster (British Columbia & the Yukon, Canada) Bp Michael Ingham OUR WORLD On this World Heritage Day, we give thanks for the work of the team bidding to see the twin Anglo-Saxon monasteries of Wearmouth-Jarrow be declared a World Heritage site.
Sunday 19 Easter 2	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the staff at Gateshead NHS Trust and the patients they serve. ANGLICAN COMMUNION New York (Province II, USA) Bp Mark Sean Sisk ALL GOD'S PEOPLE We pray for the many thousands of Tibetans who have suffered, and continue to suffer, at the hands of their Chinese rulers.
Monday 20	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for our Archdeacons – Ian Jagger, Stuart Bain and Nick Barker as they conduct their Visitations around the parishes. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Newark (Province II, USA) Bp Mark Beckwith ALL GOD'S PEOPLE Following the death of David and Samantha Cameron's son Ivan, we pray for all parents who have lost a child and for the pain and suffering they bear.
Tuesday 21 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Diocesan Board of Education, especially Nick Rowark as he supports the youth workers throughout the Diocese. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Newcastle (CofE) Bp Martin Wharton THE WORLD AROUND US As the Queen marks her birthday, we give thanks and pray for her, and we pray for all members of the Royal Family and their contribution to public life.
Wednesday 22	DURHAM DIOCESE Remember in prayer, Durham Cathedral Chapter and Office staff, and especially Philip Davies as he settles into his new job as Chapter Clerk. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Newcastle (New South Wales, Australia) Bp Brian Farran THE WORLD AROUND US Pray for the new County Durham Unity Authority, its councillors and staff. May the decisions they make be wise, just and in the best interests of the people they serve.