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Sunday 24 Trinity 14	DURHAM DIOCESE South Shields, St Hilda w St Thomas. <i>Peter Stannard (Priest in Charge).</i> Pray for the members of St Hilda's as they work out the best way to reach out in mission to the townsfolk of South Shields. Pray also for the upkeep of the Town Centre church and the continuation of a thriving Visitor's Centre ANGLICAN COMMUNION North Queensland (Queensland, Australia) Bp Saibo Mabo HEALING & WHOLENESS Heart disease continues to be one of the UK's biggest killers. Pray that people, especially men, will be more aware of the risks of not looking after their hearts. We give thanks for the British Heart Foundation and their awareness campaigns and for the work of BHF nurses.
Monday 25 	DURHAM DIOCESE Jarrow Team Ministry: St Paul, St. John the Baptist, St Mark & St. Peter. <i>Bill Braviner (Team Rector), Graham Opperman (Team Vicar), Jenny Lancaster (Team Vicar).</i> Pray for the team of voluntary Stewards of Welcome in their ministry to visitors and pilgrims at St Paul's, for Bede's World and its link with the Church and Schools, for deepening faith and spirituality which draws all ages together in worship through word and sacrament, and for engagement with the local district as the area is disrupted by the Tyne Tunnel Development. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Northwest Pennsylvania (Prov. III, USA) Bp Sean Rowe SOCIAL ACTION On International Missing Children's Day, we pray for those children separated from their families, and following the second anniversary since Madeline McCann went missing, we continue to pray that one day she too will be reunited with her parents.
Tuesday 26 	DURHAM DIOCESE Rekedyke, St. Jude. <i>Andrew Bealing (Vicar), Pat Bealing (Asst Curate).</i> Pray for this shared ministry in the Parish and Hospital. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Norwich (CofE) Bp Graham James THE LESOTHO LINK Give thanks for the huge success of the Active Learning Days run by the staff at the LINK site in Lesotho for primary schools, for all that pupils and teachers are learning about the Christian faith, the environment and life skills.
Wednesday 27 	DURHAM DIOCESE South Shields, All Saints w South Shields, St Mary w St Martin TM. <i>John Miller (Team Rector), Graeme Pollock (Team Vicar), Darren Maslen (Team Vicar).</i> Pray for a deepening of prayer and mission in All Saints parish and involvement with Action Station; for the building up of the small but faithful congregation of St Mary's and St Martin's and the Outreach being developed through Whiteleas Community Centre. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island (Canada) Bp Susan Moxley THE WORLD AT RISK Scientists fear the Amazon rainforest will disappear by the end of the century if global temperatures continue to rise. Pray that we all are prepared to reassess the way we live and be open to change in order to reduce carbon emissions.
Thursday 28	DURHAM DIOCESE South Shields, St Aidan w St Stephen (The Lawe) . <i>Peter Stannard (Priest in Charge).</i> Pray for the ministry of the parish, and lay participation in developing it. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Nsukka (Nigeria) Bp Jonah Ilonuba HEALING & WHOLENESS Pray for those members of our Armed Forces who have been injured in conflict.

CYCLE OF PRAYER

The focus of our prayers in DURHAM DIOCESE this month are HOUGHTON LE SPRING and JARROW DEANERIES	
Friday 1 	DURHAM DIOCESE Houghton-le-Spring Deanery. <i>Edward Wilkinson (Area Dean, acting), Joy Davison (Lay Chair), Michael Beck (Surrogate), Malcolm Adamson (Treasurer).</i> Pray for the Deanery Planning Team and chair Hilary Metcalf as the Deanery moves towards closer working relationships and collaborative ministries. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Nord Kivu (Congo) Bp Methusela Munzenda CHRISTIAN MISSION Following the annual USPG Lent Box appeal, pray that the money raised will be distributed wisely in the countries where the charity works.
Saturday 2 	DURHAM DIOCESE Burnmoor, St Barnabas. <i>Libby Wilkinson (Priest-in-charge), Mike Kelly (Youth worker).</i> Give thanks for the hard work and commitment shown by so many through the vacancy. Pray for the formation of the new team; that they work and grow together and use the gifts that God has given them. ANGLICAN COMMUNION North Carolina - (Province IV, USA) Bp Michael Curry ALL GOD'S PEOPLE The Internet can enrich our lives and provide us with a wealth of information, but it can also be a dark and evil place. Pray that our children do not become victims to those preying on the young and the vulnerable.
Sunday 3 Easter 4	DURHAM DIOCESE Chilton Moor, St Andrew. <i>Derek Newton (Priest-in-charge).</i> Pray for Derek as he settles into the parish and pray for outreach into the community and development of individual ministries. ANGLICAN COMMUNION North Central Philippines (Philippines) Bp Joel Pachao THE PERSECUTED CHURCH Gunmen recently attacked Christians in Pakistan killing at least one person. We pray that this needless violence against Christians is stopped so that all Christians can live their lives in faith without fear of intimidation and persecution.
Monday 4 	DURHAM DIOCESE East Rainton, St Cuthbert and West Rainton, St Mary in plurality. <i>Michael Beck (Priest-in-charge), Gilly Beck (NSM curate), Jonathan Jewsbury (MSE curate), Julian Ward (Reader).</i> Pray for the parishes and congregations as they move towards more sharing of ministry. ANGLICAN COMMUNION North Dakota (Province VI, USA) Bp Michael Smith ALL GOD'S PEOPLE The US Congress has approved a bill that will ease restrictions imposed on Cuba. Pray that this move will help open dialogue between the two countries.
Tuesday 5	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Diocesan Advisory Committee meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION North East India (North India) Bp Purely Lyngdoh ALBA IULIA LINK Pray for the developing children's centres in Ludus and Tamaveni, which have links to parishes in our diocese.
Wednesday 6 	DURHAM DIOCESE Herrington, St Aidan; Penshaw, All Saints; and Shiney Row, St Oswald. <i>(awaiting an incumbent), Dawn Cummings (Reader)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION North Eastern Caribbean & Aruba (West Indies) Bp Leroy Brooks THE LESOTHO LINK Pray for those taking part in today's Great North Bus Challenge fundraising event for the LINK. Pray that it will be an enjoyable day out for many bus pass holders and give thanks for the willingness of café and shop owners involved.

Thursday 7	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Bishop's Staff Team meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION North Kerala (South India) Bp K P Kuruvila. CHRISTIAN MISSION Pray for the North East region police chaplains meeting today at Harperley Hall and give thanks for their ministry to the police service.
Friday 8 	DURHAM DIOCESE Hetton-Lyons, St Michael and All Angels. <i>Ann (Anderson (Rector), Hilary Metcalfe (Reader), Norma Hibbert (Churchwarden), Margaret Hope (Community Development Worker).</i> Pray for the ongoing mission and ministry of the church, for the work of 'New Dawn', their Community Project, and the Befriending Service it hopes to initiate soon. ANGLICAN COMMUNION North Kigezi (Uganda) Bp Edward Muhima THE WORLD AT RISK Scientists predict that global sea levels will rise higher than previous forecasts. Pray that governments will unite together to tackle global warming.
Saturday 9 	DURHAM DIOCESE Houghton-le-Spring, St Michael and All Angels. <i>Suzanne Pinnington (Rector), Margaret Lee (SSM curate), Anne Clappison, Susan Elsey, Rosalind Pickersgill (Readers), Ivy Lemmon, Jacqui Rodgeron, Thelma Steel (APAs).</i> Pray for the development of ministry and outreach to young people of all ages. ANGLICAN COMMUNION North Mbale (Uganda) <i>Vacant</i> THE WORLD AROUND US On World Fairtrade Day, pray for the millions of people who face a daily struggle to survive and that nations unite to give workers a better deal.
Sunday 10 Easter 5 	DURHAM DIOCESE As Durham Cursillo 11 comes to a close at Shepherds Dene, we pray for those people whose lives have been enriched by the experience; for Lay Rector, Christine Brown and the whole team who will have worked hard to make the weekend special for the participants. ANGLICAN COMMUNION North Queensland (Australia) Bp Willaim Ray CHRISTIAN AID At the start of Christian Aid week, pray for those volunteers who will devote this week to raising awareness of the charity and who will be out collecting much needed funds to continue the work around the world.
Monday 11 	DURHAM DIOCESE Newbottle, St Matthew. <i>Edward Wilkinson (Vicar), Malcolm Adamson, Thomas Dick, Stephen Holmes, Rebecca Williams Dinsdale (Readers)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION North West Australia (Australia) Bp David Mulready CHRISTIAN AID Up to a million people died in the 1994 genocide in Rwanda. Pray for the work of Christian Aid partners Avega and Ceformi who are helping to provide medical services and vocational training in the country.
Tuesday 12 	DURHAM DIOCESE Jarrow Deanery: <i>Bill Braviner (Area Dean), Wendy Harrison (Lay Chair)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Fond du Lac - USA. Bp. Russell Edward Jacobus. CHRISTIAN AID More than 130,000 people died in the devastating Burma cyclone. It left millions without clean water and these people are struggling to survive. Pray for the ongoing relief work that Christian Aid and their partners are doing in the region to help people rebuild their lives.
Wednesday 13 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Diocesan Board of Finance meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Northern California (Province VIII, USA) Bp Barry Beisner CHRISTIAN AID Pray for the Democratic Republic of Congo and that peace negotiations turn into real action to help bring an end to the recent violence.
Thursday 14 	DURHAM DIOCESE East Boldon, St George. <i>Stuart Bain (Priest-in-Charge), Margaret Devine (SSM Associate Priest).</i> Pray for a deepening of the church's spiritual life and service to the community. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Northern Indiana (Province V, USA) Bp Edward Little CHRISTIAN AID It is just over 7 years since the end of a 27-year civil war in Angola. Pray that as the country moves forward and trade routes re-open its people are educated in HIV/AIDS awareness and protection.

Friday 15 	DURHAM DIOCESE Boldon, St Nicholas. (<i>awaiting a priest</i>), <i>Brian Logan (CW), Neil Cuthbertson (Reader).</i> Pray for the continued growth in church attendance. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Northern Luzon (Philippines) Bp Renato Abibico CHRISTIAN AID ray for the people of Ethiopia as droughts mean clean water is becoming scarce. Give thanks for the work of Christian Aids partner Water Action as it works to provide safe water systems and environmental regeneration.
Saturday 16 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Diocesan Synod meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Northern Malawi (Central Africa) Bp Christopher Boyle CHRISTIAN AID As Christian Aid Week draws to a close, give thanks for the many volunteers who work for the charity around the world.
Sunday 17 Easter 6 	DURHAM DIOCESE Cleadow, All Saints. <i>Vernon Cuthbert (Priest-in-Charge), Bob Lawson (Reader).</i> Pray for the development of All Saints in people and buildings so that they may serve Christ in the village and beyond. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Northern Mexico (Mexico) Bp Marcelino Rivera-Delgado LESOTHO LINK Remember in prayer Bishop Adam as he begins to effect changes which will not always be popular and for M'e Matsepo, his wife, as she recovers from a serious operation.
Monday 18	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Houses Committee meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Northern Michigan - (Province V, USA) <i>Vacant</i> SOCIAL ACTION During Foster Care Fortnight, pray for children in care. May their lives may be enriched by the people tasked with their wellbeing. Fostering Network say there is a shortage of more than 10,000 foster carers, so we pray that more people will come forward to undertake this vital work.
Tuesday 19 	DURHAM DIOCESE Harton, St. Peter & Cleadow Park, St. Mark and St. Cuthbert. <i>Raymond Dick (Vicar), Anne Bennett (Curate), Donald Firth (Reader).</i> Pray for the people as they seek new ways of ministering in the parish. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Northern Philippines (Philippines) Bp Edward Malecandan THE WORLD AT RISK Pray for the work of WWF in more than 90 countries as it tries to address issues ranging from the survival of species to climate change.
Wednesday 20	DURHAM DIOCESE Hebburn, St. Cuthbert & St Oswald. <i>Barry Hunt (Vicar).</i> Give thanks for all who work in the churches and pray for more volunteers. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Northern Territory, (Queensland, Australia) Bp Gregory Thompson ALL GOD'S PEOPLE Pray for journalists around the world who are prevented from reporting freely and for those who are imprisoned because of what they have written.
Thursday 21 Ascension Day	DURHAM DIOCESE Hebburn, St. John w Jarrow Grange, Christ Church. <i>David Osman (Priest-in-Charge), Barry Unwin (Asst Curate), Cyril Mudditt (Reader), Heather Stokes (Reader), Ken Smith (Reader), Paul Stokes (Reader).</i> Pray for the refurbishment of the church buildings, establishing of multi congregational worship and Leadership team, and consideration of plurality future. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Northern Uganda (Uganda) Bp Nelson Onono-Onweng SOCIAL ACTION 2009 has been declared 'Year of the Child'. Pray that all children are given the right to grow and develop free from oppression and danger.
Friday 22 	DURHAM DIOCESE Horsley Hill, St Lawrence. <i>Martin Wray (Vicar), Audrey Bolam, Kathy Welsh (Readers).</i> Pray for outreach to the less privileged parts of our community. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Northern Zambia (Central Africa) Bp Albert Chama OUR WORLD We pray for those who involved in the criminal justice system and ask that everyone be given the right to a fair trial. Pray particularly for the organisation Fair Trials Abroad.

<p>Friday 29</p>	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE South Shields, St. Simon. <i>Bill Braviner (Priest in Charge), Graham Opperman (Associate Priest), Jenny Lancaster (Associate Priest)</i> Give thanks for steady growth and pray for the link being established with schools. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Nyahururu (Kenya) Bp Charles Gaita CHRISTIAN MISSION Pray for people who have not experienced the power of God's love and may the love of Christ shine in people's hearts.</p>
<p>Saturday 30</p>  <p>ChurchArmy</p>	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the new Unitary Authority for County Durham and today's service taking place in Durham Cathedral. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Offa (Province of Ibadan, Nigeria) Bp Gabriel Akinbiyi CHRISTIAN MISSION Pray for the work of the Church Army and particularly those who are retired and play such a pivotal role for the organisation.</p>
<p>Sunday 31</p> <p>Pentecost</p> 	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE On this day of Pentecost we give thanks and pray for those in our churches who help to spread the good news of Christ Jesus. May the Holy Spirit fill them and walk with them as they go about their work. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Ogbomoso (Province of Ibadan, Nigeria) Bp Matthew Osunade OUR WORLD Recent high profile shootings in America and Germany have renewed fears that guns are still too easily accessible. Pray for governments as they look for new ways of tackling gun crime.</p>

The Durham Diocesan Cycle of Prayer is issued by the Communications & IT Task Group. Sources include: BBC website, Sky News Online, USPG, Christian Today, Christian Aid, WWF, The Church Army, The Anglican Communion Prayer Cycle, The Durham-Lesotho LINK, Alba Iulia (Romania) Link, Houghton le Spring Deanery, Jarrow Deanery.

NB. The remaining parishes and concerns for Jarrow Deanery will be included in the Prayer Cycle for June which will also include Wearmouth Deanery. The Cycle for July will focus on Durham Deanery.

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