

CYCLE OF PRAYER

Our prayers for The Body of Christ in Durham Diocese focus this month on Hartlepool Deanery	
Wednesday 1	Hartlepool Deanery <i>Christopher Collison (Area Dean); Anne Johnson (Lay Chair); Margaret Wilkinson (Secretary); Stewart Burton (Treasurer)</i> Please pray for the Deanery at this time with three vacancies, and for the developing of our Deanery Plan.
Thursday 2	Greatham St John the Baptist <i>Paul Allinson (Priest-in-Charge); Keith Wilkinson (Reader)</i> Please pray for the newly established Church Lads and Church Girls Brigade company and the development of a policy to admit Children to Holy Communion before Confirmation. Pray also for the new Residents' Association.
Friday 3	Hospital of God, Greatham <i>Paul Allinson (Chaplain); David Granath (Director)</i> Pray for the Chaplaincy work linked to the Hospital of God.
Saturday 4	Hart St Mary Magdalene <i>Janet Burbury (Priest-in-Charge); Mary Scott (Authorised Pastoral Assistant)</i> Give thanks for the enthusiasm of lay ministries in the outreach '3 at 4' Service. Pray for the success of our Heritage Project as a new way to involve local communities.
Sunday 5	Elwick Hall St Peter <i>Janet Burbury (Priest-in-Charge); Mary Scott (Authorised Pastoral Assistant)</i> Pray for our priest and the teachers in the CE aided primary school fostering stronger links between school and church.
Monday 6	Hartlepool Holy Trinity & St Mark's Centre Roz Hall <i>(Vicar); Ray Turner (Reader)</i> Please pray for the parish and churches as they work together with their new Vicar, and for their ministry in the five schools in the parish.
Tuesday 7	Durham Lesotho Link Give thanks for the work of 70 Peace Corps volunteers in Lesotho and pray especially for Cassie, based at the LINK site at Ha Mohatlane that she will continue to work effectively with the local community.
Wednesday 8	Hartlepool St Hilda <i>Christopher Collison (Priest-in-Charge); Verity Brown (SSM Associate Priest); Stewart Burton (Reader); Dorothy Kitching (Authorised Pastoral Assistant); Anne Collison (Parish Children's Worker)</i> Give thanks for the 'Celebrate' all-age events and for all those who visit the church as tourists, pilgrims or worshippers. Please pray for Anne's work as a lay chaplain to the Girls' and Boys' Brigades, and our journey towards a Shared Ministry.
Thursday 9	Mission to Seafarers <i>Christopher Collison (Chaplain) Aidan Webster (Manager)</i> Please pray for the ministry amongst seafarers on the Tees and in the Port of Hartlepool, for the work of the Seafarers' Centre at Seal Sands. Give thanks for the volunteers who man the centre at evenings and weekends.
Friday 10	Hartlepool St Luke <i>Debbie Wilson (SSM Associate Minister)</i> Please pray for Debbie's ministry at St Luke's during the vacancy as she juggles with family life and full-time work and for the wardens Julia Taylor and Liz Moss, and newly-appointed treasurer Heather Chapman. Give thanks for the '1 st at 4' service and for all who assist with it.
Saturday 11	Hartlepool St Oswald <i>Graeme Buttery (Vicar)</i> Please pray for the parish which is undergoing major re-development, and for the parish at it develops the use of its church hall, and works with community groups.
Sunday 12	Hartlepool St Paul <i>Richard Massheder (Vicar)</i> Please pray for us as we seek to reinvigorate our ministry to children including Admission to Communion, and also as we are seeking to build stronger links with the community around us.
Monday 13	Owton Manor St James <i>Stephen Locke (Vicar)</i> Please pray for us as we start some new work with young families at the very end of this month.
Tuesday 14	Durham Lesotho Link Please pray for the people of Lesotho as they prepare for a general election in February, that it will be peaceful and fair.

Wednesday 15	Retired Clergy Give thanks to God for the retired clergy working in the deanery, and in particular in those parishes which are currently vacant. Please pray for <i>Michael Whitehead, Leslie Barron, Michael Unwin, John Clark, Peter Townsend, David Webster, Geoffrey Webster, Bill Worley, John Lund and Kevin Tones</i> (who has recently retired to Hartlepool), and all other retired clergy and clergy widows in the deanery.
Thursday 16	Hartlepool Hospital <i>Lynn Purvis (Chaplain)</i> Please pray for the hospital, its staff and its hinterland of in-patients and out-patients as the hospital faces closure.
Friday 17	Please pray for the cruise industry following the catastrophic accident of the 'Costa Concordia' off the Italian coast. Give thanks for the bravery of those who assisted in the safe rescue of the majority of the crew and passengers. Please pray for those seafarers who have lost their livelihoods and their possessions that they may be able to find new work soon.
Saturday 18	Hartlepool St Aidan & Hartlepool St Columba In Vacancy Please pray for the parish, the church school and the two churches during their vacancy, and that the right person might be identified and appointed. Pray for the Churchwardens Eileen Foreman and Margaret Youngson.
Sunday 19	Durham Lesotho Link Give thanks for the very successful visit by the Washington school to Lesotho in November and pray that the impact of the visit may not be lost.
Monday 20	North Elbian Link Dear Lord, please help with the planning for the upcoming visits between the partner churches in Durham and North Elbia.
Tuesday 21	Alba Iulia Link Pray for the Revd Olaf Eriksson and Fr Micea Ceusan, in their final year of the clergy experience exchange.
Wednesday 22	Durham Lesotho Link Please pray for St James Hospital in Mantsonyane as it seeks new financial support following USPG's difficult decision to cut funding.
Thursday 23	Seaton Carew Holy Trinity <i>Paul Allinson (Priest-in-Charge); Keith Wilkinson (Reader)</i> Please pray for the development of a Shared Ministry Team in the Parish, for outreach through the many occasional offices and all the Confirmation Candidates being prepared at this time.
Friday 24	St Hild's C of E (Aided) Secondary School in North Hartlepool <i>Colin Reid (Head Teacher), Laura Wild (Chaplain)</i> . Give thanks for the recent appointment of a deputy head teacher. Please pray for Laura as she returns in May after maternity leave.
Saturday 25	Stranton All Saints <i>Andrew Craig (MSE Associate Minister); Alan Robertson (Reader); Clive Hall (Burbank Church and Community Worker); Pat Vaughan (Authorised Pastoral Assistant); Barbara Butcher (Authorised Pastoral Assistant)</i> Please pray for Andrew and all those ministering in the parish during the vacancy, and for wardens Sylvia Shepherd and Kath Webster that they will know God's peace and strength, and that the right person may soon be found.
Sunday 26	The Church of England Primary Schools in the Hartlepool Deanery and their Head Teachers: St Peter's Elwick (Steve McDonnell); St Aidan's (Ian Raikton); Holy Trinity, Seaton Carew (Amanda Baines); Ward Jackson (Jan Brough); and Greatham primary school (Julie Tyerman). Please for the staff and parents and the children.
Monday 27	Please pray for the ports on the north-east coast (Tyneside, Seaham and Teesside) and for the harbour authorities, the pilots and tug crews and for the local industries that use the harbours for their imports and exports.
Tuesday 28	Hartlepool & District Hospice <i>Tracy Woodall (Chief Executive) & Senior Management Team</i> Pray for all the staff and patients, and all who work for its wellbeing.
Wednesday 29	The Diocesan Office <i>Ian Boothroyd (Diocesan Secretary)</i> . Pray for all the staff who serve the diocese through the work of the Diocesan Office.