



<p>Monday 26 St Mark</p> 	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for our Archdeacons supporting the work of our Bishops in addition to their many other responsibilities, not least the Archdeacons' Visitations getting under way this month. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Central Zambia - (Central Africa) Bp Derek Kamukwamba THE PERSECUTED CHURCH Open Doors is reporting that 40 Christians are accused without basis of beating Muslim men, abusing Muslim women and girls, and ransacking and stealing from people's homes. Pray that this case is swiftly resolved and the truth will be made known.</p>
<p>Tuesday 27</p>	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Durham Constabulary Chaplains meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Central Zimbabwe - (Central Africa) Bp Ishmael Mukuwanda HEALING & WHOLENESS Pray for the US healthcare reforms and that decisions made are right for all Americans.</p>
<p>Wednesday 28</p>	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Area Deans meeting overnight. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Trichy-Tanjore - (South India) Bp Dr G. Paul Vasanthakumar THE WORLD AROUND US We pray for better international relations between divided countries.</p>
<p>Thursday 29</p>	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Give thanks for the laity in our Diocese for their tireless work in maintaining our parishes. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Chelmsford - (CofE) Bp John Gladwin ALL GOD'S PEOPLE Belize. Pop. 307,000. Pray for efforts by the authorities in Belize to tackle violent crime, much of which is drug-related.</p>
<p>Friday 30</p> 	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for newly elected churchwardens and Parochial Church Councils. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Chennai (Form. Madras) - (South India) Bp V Devasahayam THE WORLD AT RISK Pray for organisations working to combat the destruction of forests throughout the world.</p>




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



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CYCLE OF PRAYER

<p>Our prayers for the Body of Christ in our Diocese this month focus on CHESTER LE STREET DEANERY</p>	
<p>Thursday 1 Maunder Thursday</p> 	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Give thanks and pray for the clergy of the Diocese as they meet together in Durham Cathedral and renew their ordination vows. ANGLICAN COMMUNION <i>When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound; when Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.</i> THE LESOTHO LINK Give thanks for the recent appointment of a new Warden for Ha Mohatlane Community Centre, Lerato Mary Kepa, and pray for her as she takes forward many fresh developments.</p>
<p>Friday 2 Good Friday</p>	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE On this Good Friday, we pray for acts of witness taking place in towns and villages across the Diocese. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Calabar - (Prov of the Niger Delta) Bp Tunde Adeleye NORTH ELBIA LINK Pray for Bishop Mark as he visits the North Elbian Church, 16th-20th April, accompanied by Sylvia Graham and Rick Simpson.</p>
<p>Saturday 3 Easter Eve</p>	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE During this time of waiting, may it be an opportunity for reflection in preparation for the joy tomorrow will bring. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Calcutta - (North India) Bp P S P Raju ALBA IULIA LINK Pray for the work of the Link and its coordinator Jeremy Chadd.</p>
<p>Sunday Easter Day</p>	<p>DIOCESAN FAMILY Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! As we remember our Lord Jesus Christ rising from the dead, we pray for all our Churches celebrating His glorious resurrection. ANGLICAN COMMUNION <i>If ye be risen Christ, seek the things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.</i> LESOTHO PARISHES Holy Cross & St Hilda's, Thaba-Tseka (Fr. Isaac Mokotso)</p>
<p>Monday 5</p>	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Chester-le-Street Deanery. <i>David Glover (Area Dean), M Besford (Lay Chair), Ann Forth (Secretary), M Pattison (Finance/Stewardship Officer), J Gollan (Treasurer).</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Caledonia -(British Columbia & Yukon) Bp W. Anderson THE WORLD AROUND US Pray for Zimbabwe's workers demanding better pay for their labour.</p>
<p>Tuesday 6</p> 	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Birtley, St John the Evangelist. <i>Gareth Lloyd (Vicar), Margaret Whitley, Simon Cotes, David Woodall, Dana Delap (Readers).</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Calgary - (Rupert's Land, Canada) Bp Derek Hoskin THE WORLD AROUND US Pray for countries and islands across the Mediterranean badly affected by this summer's devastating wildfires, especially those who lost everything in the fires as they begin the task of rebuilding their lives.</p>
<p>Wednesday 7</p> 	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Chester-le-Street, St Mary and St Cuthbert. <i>David Tully (Rector), Jeff Anderson, Peter Tyreus (Curates), David Brooks, John Hall, Andrew Harris, Evelyn Lonsdale, David Morrell, Joyce Neary, Frank Nelsson Audrey Telford (Readers).</i> Pray for wisdom and generosity as they seek to be faithful in their finances; for God's blessing upon the cell groups; and for God to guide them as they seek with the other churches of the town to work out whether they should have Healing on the Streets. ANGLICAN COMMUNION California - (Province VIII, USA) Bp Mark Andrus. HEALING & WHOLENESS On World Health Day, pray for the work of the World Health Organisation and its campaign to make cities healthier places to live and work.</p>

Thursday 8 	DURHAM DIOCESE Fatfield, St George. <i>Brett Vallis (Priest-in-charge), Jennifer Middleton (Pioneering Minister and Curate), Pat Hampton-Matthews, Maurice Taylor (Readers).</i> Pray for the ministry of healing and wholeness in the parish beyond Easter. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Cameroon (Region Missionaire) - (West Africa) Bp Thomas-Babyngton Dibo ALL GOD'S PEOPLE Cuba. Pop. 11 million. Forty years of US trade sanctions have accelerated economic hardship. Pray for better relations between the two countries following pPresident Barack Obama's offer of a new beginning.
Friday 9	DURHAM DIOCESE Lumley, Christ Church. <i>Richard Collins (Priest-in-charge), Norma Clee (Reader).</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Canberra & Goulburn (New South Wales) Bp Stuart Robinson SOCIAL ACTION As we await the General Election, pray that prospective MPs will hear the concerns of their constituents.
Saturday 10 	DURHAM DIOCESE Oxclose. <i>Sheelagh White (Priest-in-charge), Dinah Gollen (Reader).</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Cape Coast - (West Africa) Bp Daniel Allotey THE PERSECUTED CHURCH Political tensions ahead of the parliamentary elections in Iraq left innocent Christians dead and forced hundreds to flee. Pray that now the elections have taken place, Christians can return and live in peace.
Sunday 11 Easter 2 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pelton, Holy Trinity. <i>John Lintern (Vicar), David Atkinson (Associate Priest), Jacqueline Atkinson (APA).</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Pray for The Church of Ireland. The Most Revd Alan Edwin Thomas Harper Primate of All Ireland & Archbishop of Armagh THE LESOTHO LINK Give thanks for a recent substantial individual donation which will enable the building of the education centre, providing a much needed resource to enhance the educational programmes run at the LINK site.
Monday 12	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Bishop's Staff Team meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Carlisle - (CofE) Bp James Newcome LESOTHO PARISHES Southern Archdeaconry - Archdeacon: The Ven. Joseph Ntlamelle
Tuesday 13 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Diocesan Advisory Committee meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Cashel & Ossory - (Dublin, Ireland) Bp Michael Burrows ALL GOD'S PEOPLE Bangladesh. Pop. 162 million. Poverty is widespread with around half the population surviving on less than one dollar a day. Pray for better health and education initiatives.
Wednesday 14	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Board of Finance meeting tonight. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Central Buganda - (Uganda) Bp Jackson Matovu THE WORLD AROUND US Pray for the rebuilding efforts taking place in Haiti and Chile following the recent devastating earthquakes.
Thursday 15	DURHAM DIOCESE West Pelton, St Paul. <i>John Lintern (Vicar), David Atkinson (Associate Priest), Christine Stephenson (Reader), Jacqueline Atkinson (APA).</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Central Ecuador - (Province IX, USA) Bp W. Ramos-Orench HEALING & WHOLENESS One man dies every hour in the UK from prostate cancer making it the most common cancer in men. Pray for those being treated with the disease.
Friday 16 	DURHAM DIOCESE Usworth, Holy Trinity. <i>Paul Grundy (Rector), Allan Fulker (Reader).</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Central Florida - (Province IV, USA) Bp John Howe THE WORLD AT RISK Pray for those affected by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. Give thanks for initiatives like the Chernobyl Children Lifeline which brings youngsters to the UK for a holiday.

Saturday 17	DURHAM DIOCESE Usworth, St Michael. <i>Paul Grundy (Rector), Allan Fulker (Reader).</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Central Gulf Coast - (Province IV, USA) Bp Philip Menzie Duncan SOCIAL ACTION Following guidance by the Law Lords on assisted suicide, we pray for all those who are grappling with this sensitive issue.
Sunday 18 Easter 3 	DURHAM DIOCESE Washington, Holy Trinity. <i>David Glover (Rector), Ros Hall (Curate), Ann Forth, Olive Sangha (Readers), Elizabeth Slowther (APA).</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Pray for The Nippon Sei Kai (the Anglican Communion in Japan). The Most Revd Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu Primate of The Nippon Sei Ko Kai & Bishop of Hokkaido THE PERSECUTED CHURCH Hindu nationalists in India reportedly tried to burn Christians alive for protesting against offensive Jesus banners.
Monday 19 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for retired clergy in Chester le Street deanery and the invaluable service they provide to parishes. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Central New York - (Province II, USA) Bp Gladstone Skip Adams THE LESOTHO LINK Pray for the Diocese of Lesotho as it seeks to appoint a new diocesan administrator at a time of huge financial difficulties in the Church.
Tuesday 20	DURHAM DIOCESE The Revd John Lintern, police chaplain for Chester-le-Street. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Central Newfoundland - (Canada, Canada) Bp David Torraville LESOTHO PARISHES St John's, Mafeteng (Fr Solomon Lebona)
Wednesday 21	DURHAM DIOCESE Chester-le-Street CoE Junior School – its staff, pupils and governors. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Central Pennsylvania - (Province III, USA) Bp Nathan Baxter HEALING & WHOLENESS The World Health Organisation predicts there will be 2.3 billion overweight adults by 2015. Pray for better education to tackle this spiralling problem.
Thursday 22 	DURHAM DIOCESE On the Queen's birthday we give thanks for the head of our Church and for the Lord Lieutenant, Sir Paul Nicholson, the Queen's personal representative in the county. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Central Philippines - (Philippines) Bp Dixie Taclobao THE WORLD AROUND US We continue to pray for the unease in Gaza and East Jerusalem and for the many innocent victims caught up in the troubles.
Friday 23	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for our hospital chaplains across the Diocese as they support both patients and staff ANGLICAN COMMUNION Central Solomons - (Melanesia) Bp Charles Koete ALL GOD'S PEOPLE Sudan. Pop. 42 million. Continue to pray for the victims of the civil war in Darfur which forced millions to flee their homes.
Saturday 24 	DURHAM DIOCESE Northumbrian Industrial Mission - 'passionate about ministry'. Pray for those individuals and businesses still suffering from the long term effects of the recession, so many without jobs, mounting debts and much uncertainty. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Central Tanganyika - (Tanzania) Bp Godfrey Mhogolo THE WORLD AT RISK Pray for new and engaging ways to tackle climate change.
Sunday 25 Easter 4 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for our Bishops, Tom and Mark and give thanks for their vision and leadership of the Diocese. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East The Most Revd Dr Mouneer Hanna Anis President Bishop, Jerusalem & the Middle East & Bishop in Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa. SOCIAL ACTION St Mark's Darlington have been praying for social justice recently – 'With trust, we claim God's justice, mercy, compassion, and comfort for the millions affected by human trafficking in our world today.'