








<p>Saturday 25</p> <p>Christmas Day</p>	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE 'Unto us a child is born!' As we rejoice in the birth of the Christ Child, give thanks for the gift of life and pray for those less fortunate than us who face a difficult and an uncertain future.</p> <p>ANGLICAN COMMUNION Kwara - (Province of Ibadan, Nigeria) Bp Segun Adeyemi</p> <p>SOCIAL ACTION On this joyous day, let us not forget those who face a lonely and isolated Christmas. Give thanks for all the people who give their time on this special day so that the homeless can enjoy fellowship with others.</p>
<p>Sunday 26</p> <p>St Stephen</p>	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for Revd Chris Collison and the volunteers at the Hartlepool & North Tees Seafarers Centre and the work they do to support the many seafarers away from home at this time of year.</p> <p>ANGLICAN COMMUNION Kwoi - (Province of Abuja, Nigeria) Bp Paul Zamani</p> <p>HEALING & WHOLENESS Pray for the men and women of our emergency services at this busy time of year. May they get the rest and time with their family and friends they need as they serve their communities.</p>
<p>Monday 27</p> 	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for Chaplains with the North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Trust especially for the development of their 'End of Life' project, and for Hartlepool Hospice in caring for those coming to terms with terminal illness.</p> <p>ANGLICAN COMMUNION Kyoto - (Japan) Bp Stephen Kochi</p> <p>THE WORLD AROUND US Over 90% of our daily goods arrive by sea. Seafaring is one of the toughest and most dangerous jobs in the world. Pray for the seafarers and fishermen in their long days and nights and for their families.</p>
<p>Tuesday 28</p> 	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for Greatham Hospital, Chaplain Paul Allinson, residents and staff.</p> <p>ANGLICAN COMMUNION Pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia Aotearoa - The Most Revd William Turei</p> <p>THE PERSECUTED CHURCH More than 40 Iraqi Christians were killed in an ambush in a Baghdad Church last month. Pray that Christians living in Iraq can worship without intimidation.</p>
<p>Wednesday 29</p>	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Give thanks and pray for the Hartlepool House of Prayer. For Revd Maggie Vigor, Christine Austwick and all those who use the House.</p> <p>ANGLICAN COMMUNION Kyushu - (Japan) Bp Gabriel Igarashi</p> <p>THE WORLD AT RISK One fifth of animal and plant species are under the threat of extinction, a global conservation study suggests. Pray for efforts from conservationists to help tackle this increasing problem.</p>
<p>Thursday 30</p>	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE As the new year approaches, give thanks for the Diocesan Office staff. May they return from their Christmas break refreshed and renewed, ready for the year ahead.</p> <p>ANGLICAN COMMUNION Lafia - (Province of Abuja, Nigeria) Bp Miller Maza</p> <p>ALL GOD'S PEOPLE Sudan. Pop. 42 million. Pray for the development taking place in the country, particularly with oil production and revenues rising.</p>
<p>Friday 31</p> 	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE On the eve of the new year pray for the whole Diocese, for the process of appointing a new bishop, and for Bishop Mark and the Archdeacons with their additional responsibilities.</p> <p>ANGLICAN COMMUNION Lagos - (Province of Lagos, Nigeria) The Most Revd Ephraim Ademowo</p> <p>SOCIAL ACTION With the UK having one of the highest teenage pregnancy rates in Europe, pray for campaigns to better educate youngsters about sex education and awareness.</p>






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CYCLE OF PRAYER

<p>Our prayers for the Body of Christ in DURHAM DIOCESE this month focus on HARTLEPOOL DEANERY</p>	
<p>Wednesday 1</p> 	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Board of Finance meeting tonight.</p> <p>ANGLICAN COMMUNION On World AIDS Day give thanks for the work that the Church is doing in developing countries to better educate people about HIV/AIDS.</p> <p>THE LESOTHO LINK Give thanks for the seven priests who are due to be ordained to non-stipendiary ministry in Lesotho - five men and two women - pray that their ministry will be fruitful for the Kingdom.</p>
<p>Thursday 2</p> 	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Bishop's Council and Liturgical Committee meeting tonight.</p> <p>ANGLICAN COMMUNION Kirinyaga - (Kenya) Bp Daniel Ngoru</p> <p>LESOTHO PARISHES St James', Mants'onyane (Fr. Maseru Mongalo)</p>
<p>Friday 3</p> 	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Hartlepool Deanery. <i>Christopher Collison (Area Dean), Julie Cordiner (Lay Chair), Patricia Brotherton (Secretary), Monica Arthur (Treasurer)</i></p> <p>ANGLICAN COMMUNION Kisangani - (Congo) Bp Lambert Botolome</p> <p>NORTH ELBIA LINK Pray for the next Convenor of this Durham link following Ian Stockton's appointment to Blackburn Cathedral and plans for the next joint meeting of the Partnership Committees.</p>
<p>Saturday 4</p>	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Greatham, St John the Baptist. <i>Paul Allinson (Priest-in-Charge), Keith Wilkinson (Reader).</i></p> <p>ANGLICAN COMMUNION Kisangani - (Congo) Bp Lambert Botolome</p> <p>ALBA IULIA LINK Pray for Fr Florin Croitorou, the Archbishop of Alba Iulia's advisor for the Link.</p>
<p>Sunday 5</p> <p>Advent 2</p>	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Elwick Hall, St Peter. <i>Janet Burbury (Curate)</i></p> <p>ANGLICAN COMMUNION Pray for The Lusitanian Church (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury) Lusitanian Church - (Portugal) Bp Fernando Soares</p> <p>HEALING & WHOLENESS On International Volunteers Day, pray for all those who are involved in pastoral work with the vulnerable and needy.</p>
<p>Monday 6</p>	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Bishop's Staff Team meeting today.</p> <p>ANGLICAN COMMUNION Kitale - (Kenya) Bp Stephen Nyorsok</p> <p>THE WORLD AROUND US The Chilean miners rescue reminds us that there are many people around the world working in dangerous professions. May the Lord God protect them from harm and bless them in their work.</p>
<p>Tuesday 7</p>	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Diocesan Advisory Committee meeting today.</p> <p>ANGLICAN COMMUNION Kitgum - (Uganda) The Revd Benjamin Ojwang</p> <p>ALL GOD'S PEOPLE Nauru. Pop. 10,000. The tiny Pacific island has faced financial crises in recent years forcing the country to depend on aid. Pray for the islanders as they look at new ways of investment, including tourism.</p>
<p>Wednesday 8</p> 	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Hart, St Mary Magdalene. <i>Janet Burbury (Curate)</i></p> <p>ANGLICAN COMMUNION Kitui - (Kenya) Bp Josephat Mule</p> <p>THE WORLD AT RISK The world is continually at risk from extremists who instill fear into innocent people. Pray for international efforts to combat the threat of terrorism.</p>

Thursday 9 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Area Deans meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Kobe - (Japan) Bp Andrew Nakamura THE PERSECUTED CHURCH Pray for charities and organisations like Barnabas Fund, Open Doors, Christian Solidarity International, and Release International who keep us updated on the dreadful persecution of Christians around the world.
Friday 10	DURHAM DIOCESE Hartlepool, Holy Trinity. <i>Awaiting a Priest. Ray Turner (Reader)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Koforidua - (West Africa) Bp Francis Quashie THE WORLD AROUND US On International Human Rights Day, pray for those around the world who still are denied basic human rights and live in fear and persecution.
Saturday 11 	DURHAM DIOCESE Hartlepool, St Mark's Centre. <i>Awaiting a Priest. Ray Turner (Reader)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Kolhapur - (North India) Bp Bathuel Tiwade. THE LESOTHO LINK Pray for St James Hospital Mantsonyane in particular and the medical services in Lesotho in general. They face an acute shortage of drugs coupled with very basic living and working conditions which leads to a shortage of doctors and nurses, especially in more rural areas.
Sunday 12 Advent 3	DURHAM DIOCESE Hartlepool, St Aidan. <i>Jonathan Rhodes (Priest in Charge)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Pray for The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury) Bp Carlos López-Lozano LESOTHO PARISHES St Andrew's, Roma (Fr. Lebohanga Kheekhe)
Monday 13	DURHAM DIOCESE Hartlepool, St Columba. <i>Jonathan Rhodes (Priest in Charge)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Kondoa - (Tanzania) Bp Yohana Mkavu HEALING & WHOLENESS At this winter time, pray for those struck down with the winter flu virus, particularly the elderly and those with other health concerns.
Tuesday 14 	DURHAM DIOCESE Hartlepool, St Hilda. <i>Christopher Collison (Priest in Charge), Verity Brown (Assistant Priest), Stewart Burton (Reader)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Kontagora - (Province of Abuja, Nigeria) Bp Jonah Ibrahim THE WORLD AROUND US Seafarers face the threat of piracy more strongly today than at any other time, especially around the coasts of Somalia. There are also major threats of piracy in the Far East, and off the coasts of West Africa and Brazil. Give thanks for the recent release of Paul and Rachel Chandler and pray for all who are still held hostage. Pray for international naval resources and for all who are monitoring and educating people about the threat of piracy.
Wednesday 15 	DURHAM DIOCESE Hartlepool, St Luke. <i>Mary Judson (Vicar), Paul Judson (Associate Minister), Deborah Wilson (SSM Curate)</i> Give thanks that generous giving of money, time and skills helps to maintain the fabric of the church so that, from a platform of strength, they are able to reach out to those who have no experience of church. Accomplishing this inevitably means change, so pray for care and patience in working with those who find change difficult. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Kootenay - (British Columbia & the Yukon, Canada) Bp John Privett ALL GOD'S PEOPLE East Timor. Pop. 1.1 million. This one of Asia's poorest countries. Pray for inward investment to support its crippled infrastructure and the problems associated with the drought-prone country.
Thursday 16 	DURHAM DIOCESE Hartlepool, St Oswald. <i>Graeme Buttery (Vicar)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Krishna-Godavari - (South India) Bp Dr. G Dyvasirvadam THE WORLD AT RISK WWF reports that there are less than 3,200 tigers left in the world. Pray that the recent Tiger Summit, hosted by the Prime Minister of Russia, will yield positive outcomes to halt their rapid decline.

Friday 17	DURHAM DIOCESE Hartlepool, St Paul. <i>Richard Massheddar (Vicar)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Kubwa - (Province of Abuja, Nigeria) Bp Duke Akamisoko SOCIAL ACTION Pray for young people taking gap years volunteering in some of the world's most deprived areas. May their experience enlighten and educate them in understanding world poverty.
Saturday 18 	DURHAM DIOCESE Owton Manor, St James. <i>Stephen Locke (Vicar), Rose Marie Wise, Arthur Frankland (Readers)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Kuching - (South East Asia) Bp Bolly Lapok THE PERSECUTED CHURCH Pray that Churches throughout the UK will unite in prayer for Christians across the world who are persecuted for their faith.
Sunday 19 Advent 4 	DURHAM DIOCESE Seaton Carew, Holy Trinity. <i>Paul Allinson (Priest in Charge)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Pray for The Falkland Islands (Extra Provincial to Canterbury) The Revd Dr. Richard Hines THE LESOTHO LINK Pray for those Basotho, working in South Africa, whose lives are being profoundly inconvenienced and disrupted by new border controls and long delays in crossing.
Monday 20 	DURHAM DIOCESE Stranton, All Saints. <i>Awaiting an incumbent. Kate Brooke (Associate Minister), Andrew Craig (MSE Associate Minister), Alan Robertson, Jean Waller, Kenneth Cornforth, Philip Maughan (Readers), Patricia Vaughan, Barbara Butcher (APAs) Peter Hart (Youth Worker).</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Kumasi - (West Africa) Bp Daniel Sarfo LESOTHO PARISHES St Mary's, Semonkong (Fr. Wrenford Nkheleane)
Tuesday 21 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the retired clergy living in Hartlepool Deanery including: <i>Peter Anderton, Leslie Barron, John Clark, John Lund, Peter Townsend, Michael Unwin, David Webster, Pat Webster, Geoffrey Webster, Michael Whitehead and Bill Worley.</i> Give thanks for the support they give to parishes, particularly those awaiting the appointment of an incumbent. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Kumi - (Uganda) Bp Thomas Irigei HEALING & WHOLENESS Figures from the NHS show a 5% increase in the number of transplants carried out in the UK in 2009/10 compared with the previous year. Pray that more people will consider donating their organs to help save the lives of others.
Wednesday 22	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Diocesan Resource Team meeting today at Shepherds Dene. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Kurunagala - (Ceylon) Bp Kumara Illangasinghe THE WORLD AROUND US Pray for continued peace in Zimbabwe and for those citizens who face a daily struggle for survival.
Thursday 23	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Church schools in Hartlepool Deanery: Elwick Hall, St Aidan's, Holy Trinity and Greatham primary schools and St Hild's Secondary school, and the staff, pupils and governors. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Bp Paul Sarkar, Moderator, Church of Bangladesh & Bishop of Kushtia ALL GOD'S PEOPLE Kazakhstan. Pop. 15.6 million. Many people in Kazakhstan still live in extreme poverty and face a daily struggle to survive. Pray also for those affected by drug addiction and an increase in HIV/AIDS.
Friday 24 Christmas Eve	DURHAM DIOCESE As Churches begin their celebrations of Christmas, pray especially for all children's Nativity services taking place today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Kutigi - (Province of Abuja, Nigeria) Bp Jeremiah Kolo THE WORLD AT RISK New research suggests one in three loggerhead turtles in the Adriatic Sea has plastic in its intestine. Pray that more is done to protect the sea from rubbish and debris which is killing these and other creatures.