


Thursday 25	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Revd Philip Allin, the new Warden of Spiritual Direction. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Milwaukee - (Province V, USA) The Rt Revd Steven Miller THE PERSECUTED CHURCH Pray for Christians in the Middle East who face discrimination, harassment and persecution, and especially for Christians in Iraq where it is feared there is an agenda to drive out the Christian community.
Friday 27	DURHAM DIOCESE For our Archdeacons as they support the work of our Bishops. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Minna - (Province of Abuja, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Daniel Yisa ALL GOD'S PEOPLE For the Church in Africa and renewed hope and optimism of Christian Unity.
Saturday 28 	DURHAM DIOCESE For the Revds Brian Selmes and Linda Peall and their work as Hospital Chaplains in County Durham. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Minnesota - (Province VI, USA) The Rt Revd James Jelinek HEALING & WHOLENESS An unprecedented increase in the number of measles cases has dashed hopes of the disease being eradicated by 2010. Pray that parents make informed decisions on the use of the MMR vaccine.




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CYCLE OF PRAYER

Our prayers for the Body of Christ in DURHAM DIOCESE this month focus on CHESTER-LE-STREET DEANERY	
Sunday 1 Epiphany 4	DURHAM DIOCESE Birtley, St John the Evangelist. <i>Gareth Lloyd. Margaret Whitley, Simon Cotes, David Woodall, Dana Delap (Readers)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Manicaland - (Central Africa) Vacant SOCIAL ACTION During Poverty and Homelessness Action Week, pray for those who have no place to call home, and let the governments throughout the world be reminded of their responsibilities.
Monday 2 	DURHAM DIOCESE Chester Le Street, St. Mary & St. Cuthbert. <i>Jeff Anderson, Peter Tyreus (Curates). David Brooks, Ruby Hall, Andrew Harris, Evelyn Lonsdale, David Morell (Readers) John Hall, Joyce Neary, Frank Nelsson, Audrey Telford (Readers Emeritus)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Mara - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Hilkiyah Deya. OUR WORLD Pray for Barack Obama as he begins his first term of office as US President.
Tuesday 3	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for Authorised Pastoral Assistants and visiting teams. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Marathwada - (North India) Bishop elect THE IMPRISONED For David and Fiona Fulton's safety and God's protection whilst they serve their prison sentences in Gambia for sedition.
Wednesday 4	DURHAM DIOCESE Fatfield, St. George. <i>Brett Vallis. Pat Hampton-Matthews, Maurice Taylor (Readers)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Maridi - (Sudan) The Rt Revd Justin Arama WORLD PEACE Pray that stability may return to Gaza, that the agreed cease-fire will last and that a way forward can be found for real peace and justice for the region.
Thursday 5 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Liturgical Committee meeting this evening. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Maryland - (Province III, USA) Revd Canon E Sutton THE PERSECUTED CHURCH Pray for Revd Robert Rodriguez, pastor of Los Pinos Nuevos de Sagua la Grande Church in Cuba and his son, Pastor Eric Rodriguez, who have been accused of "offensive behaviour" by a neighbour. Pray for Robert's health which is reported to have deteriorated.
Friday 6 	DURHAM DIOCESE Lumley, Christ Church. <i>Norma Clee (Reader).</i> Pray for Revd Richard Collins, appointed as Priest-in-Charge of Lumley and Diocesan Director of Ordinands. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Masasi - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Patrick Mwachiko SOCIAL ACTION Pray for the thousands of people losing their jobs as the economic crisis grips the country. Pray for them and their families as they face difficult and uncertain times.
Saturday 7	DURHAM DIOCESE Oxclose LEP. <i>Peter Hood, Interim Minister. Dinah Gollen. (Reader)</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Maseno North - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Simon Oketch OUR NATION As Marriage Week UK begins, pray for the gift of marriage and for the diversity and vibrancy it brings to family life.
Sunday 8 3 before Lent	DURHAM DIOCESE Pelton, Holy Trinity. <i>John Lintern, David Atkinson. Jacqueline Atkinson(Reader).</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Maseno South - (Kenya) Rt Revd Francis Abiero ALL GOD'S PEOPLE On Education Sunday, pray for all those who work in education so that through their work our children will learn more about God's presence among us and their eyes will be opened to see the radiance of your glory.

Monday 9 	DURHAM DIOCESE Usworth, Holy Trinity & St. Paul's Sulgrave. <i>Paul Grundy. Allan Fulker (Reader).</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Maseno West - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Joseph Wasonga OUR CHURCH Pray for the start of General Synod meeting in London this week; that discussions and decisions bring unity and a fresh understanding of the needs facing the Church of England today.
Tuesday 10	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Bishop's Council meeting this evening. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Masindi-Kitara - (Uganda) Rt Revd Stanley Ntagali ALL GOD'S PEOPLE For the children around the world who are orphaned by war, poverty, illness or natural disaster and for the charities working to re-home them in loving and caring families.
Wednesday 11	DURHAM DIOCESE Washington, Holy Trinity. <i>David Glover. Ros Hall (Curate). Ann Forth, Olive Sangha (Readers), Elizabeth Slowther (APA)-.</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Massachusetts - (Province I, USA) Rt Revd M T Shaw HEALING & WHOLNESS For those whose lives are blighted by tinnitus and the unseen pain and suffering this hearing condition can cause.
Thursday 12 	DURHAM DIOCESE West Pelton, St. Paul. <i>John Lintern, David Atkinson (Assoc. Minister). Christine Stephenson (Reader).</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Masvingo - (Central Africa) Rt Revd Godfrey Taonezvi THE PERSECUTED CHURCH Pray for those imprisoned around the world for trying to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.
Friday 13 	DURHAM DIOCESE For our bishops and lay representatives as General Synod ends. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Matabeleland - (Central Africa) Revd Wilson Sitshebo OUR CHURCH Pray for the candidates preparing for interview for the new job of 'Director' at Shepherds Dene. Pray that the panel will find the person of prayer, vision and energy to take their plans forward.
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Sunday 15 3 before Lent	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the retired clergy and give thanks for the invaluable support they give to parish life. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Matlosane - (South Africa) Rt Revd Stephen Diseko HEALING & WHOLENESS On International Childhood Cancer Day, we pray for those children being treated for cancer, many deprived of a normal childhood as they battle with the disease.
Monday 16 	DURHAM DIOCESE The Revd John Lintern, Durham Constabulary Chaplain for Chester-le-Street. ANGLICAN COMMUNION The Most Revd Gerald Ernest Archbishop, Province of the Indian Ocean and Bishop of Mauritius THE WORLD AROUND US Pray for the governments of our world grappling with the economic crisis. May their decisions be made with wisdom and integrity. And pray also for people to take note of Archbishop Sentamu's call to use the credit crunch as an opportunity to reassess our values.

Tuesday 17 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Diocesan Advisory Committee meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Mbaise - (Province of Owerri, Nigeria) Rt Revd B Ogu THE LESOTHO LINK Pray for Bishop Adam Taaso, as he moves forward in his ministry as Bishop of Lesotho.
Wednesday 18	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Redundant Churches Uses Committee meeting this afternoon. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Mbale - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Samwiri Wabulakha HEALING & WHOLENESS Pray for the people of Zimbabwe as the recent cholera outbreak continues to kill people and devastate families and communities.
Thursday 19 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Executive Officers' Group meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Mbeere - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Gideon Ileri WORLD MISSION Pray for the work of USPG in Egypt and the staff and students of Alexandria School of Theology which is receiving funding from the charity.
Friday 20	DURHAM DIOCESE For all Ordinands in their final few months of training and for the parishes as they await their arrival. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Meath and Kildare - (Dublin, Ireland) The Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke THE WORLD AROUND US Pray for a peaceful settlement of the conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
Saturday 21	DURHAM DIOCESE For Chester-le-Street Church of England Junior School – its teachers, pupils and support staff. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Medak - (South India) The Rt Revd Badda Sugandhar ALL GOD'S PEOPLE Pray for those people still struggling to rebuild their lives following the devastating cyclone in Myanmar last year.
Sunday 22 Sunday before Lent 	DURHAM DIOCESE Give thanks and pray for all lay people in our parishes who work tirelessly to our churches alive and active ANGLICAN COMMUNION Melbourne - (Victoria, Australia) The Most Revd Philip Freier HEALING & WHOLENESS On World Thinking Day, we hold before God the Girl Guides around the world. Their theme this year is: 'Stop the spread of AIDS, malaria and other diseases'. According to the Association, more than three million people will die of HIV and AIDS this year.
Monday 23 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for all the Diocesan Office staff. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Meru - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Charles Mwendwa SOCIAL ACTION As Fairtrade Fortnight begins, pray for an increased awareness of Fairtraded products among consumers and give thanks for the Fairtrade Foundation who work to tackle poverty and injustice through trade.
Tuesday 24 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the many volunteers who support the work and ministry of Durham Cathedral. ANGLICAN COMMUNION The Most Revd Carlos Touche-Porter Presiding Bishop of La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico and Bishop of Mexico THE WORLD AROUND US DFW Adoption. Give thanks for the support the agency receives from parishes and pray that more parishes will want to be involved.
Wednesday 25 Ash Wednesday	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for all our clergy during this season of Lent. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Michigan - (Province V, USA) Rt Revd Wendell Gibbs THE WORLD AT RISK Let us be reminded of our world's dwindling resources and we look to the governments of our world to invest in new forms of renewable energy and to take further steps in the work to combat climate change.