







Sunday 24 Epiphany 3 	DURHAM DIOCESE St Aidan's Academy in Darlington - Give thanks for the new building and pray for the head teacher Alison Appleyard, the chaplain Sally Milner and all governors, staff and pupils. ANGLICAN COMMUNION The Most Revd Bernard Ntahoturi Archbishop of the Province of Burundi & Bishop of Matana THE WORLD AT RISK Give thanks for those countries working to reduce their carbon emissions. Pray that those who are not will adopt a more positive attitude towards tackling climate change.
Monday 25	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Bishop's Council meeting tonight. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Amritsar - (North India) Bp Pradeep Samantaroy SOCIAL ACTION Pray for those who are struggling to free themselves from debt, particularly for those who overspent at Christmas.
Tuesday 26 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the working out of the Deanery 2020 Vision and The Deanery Enriching Discipleship Programme. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Andaman & Car Nicobar Islands - (North India) Bp Christopher Paul THE PERSECUTED CHURCH Pray for Christians in Laos who are being monitored or their faith preventing the church to grow.
Wednesday 27	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Houses Committee meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior (formerly Cariboo) - (British Columbia & the Yukon, Canada) Vacant HEALING & WHOLENESS For those who suffer from any form of disability. Give thanks for the work of Disabled Christians Fellowship's ministry.
Thursday 28	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for Darlington's police chaplain: <i>Robert Williamson</i> . ANGLICAN COMMUNION Angola (Missionary Diocese - SA) Bp Andre Soares THE WORLD AROUND US As the world slowly comes out of recession, pray for those still struggling to find work and those who are still at risk of redundancy.
Friday 29 	DURHAM DIOCESE Give thanks for the deanery's retired clergy and for the work they do in supporting parishes. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Antananarivo - (Indian Ocean) Bp Samoela Ranarivelo ALL GOD'S PEOPLE Nigeria. Pop. 155 million. Once security concerns are addressed, pray for foreign investment to help the country's economy grow.
Saturday 30	DURHAM DIOCESE This new year we pray for our Bishops, Tom and Mark and for their support staff. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Antsiranana - (Indian Ocean) Bp Roger Chuen THE WORLD AT RISK Pray for the work of scientists in revealing the true cost of the damage to our planet.
Sunday 31 Epiphany 4	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the work of the Northumbria Historic Churches Trust in preserving places of worship. ANGLICAN COMMUNION The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia Aotearoa - (New Zealand) The Most Revd William Turei SOCAL ACTION We continue to pray for the 'Hope Not Hate' campaign in spreading this crucial message to the people of this great nation.







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CYCLE OF PRAYER

The focus of our prayers in DURHAM DIOCESE this month is DARLINGTON DEANERY	
Friday 1 	DURHAM DIOCESE Darlington Deanery. <i>John Dobson (Area Dean), Hylda Hopper (Lay Chair), Janet Fletcher (Lay Secretary), Sheilaigh Williamson (Clergy Secretary), Michael Shepherd (Treasurer).</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION On Global Family Day for the International Anglican Family Network serving as a forum for the exchange of information about the challenges facing families in different countries and cultures and the practical work being undertaken by churches and individual Christians.. THE LESOTHO LINK Pray for Lesotho facing tensions over the possible passing of a government land bill allowing foreigners to buy land, with all the implications for people in local communities for whom access to land is crucial.
Saturday 2	DURHAM DIOCESE Blackwell, All Saints' and Salutation. <i>John Dobson (Vicar), Debby Gill, Susan Leatherbarrow, Kevin Winkworth, Keith Whiston (Readers).</i> Give thanks for the blessing of the new building and pray for God's grace in the living out of the Parish Vision to grow God's Kingdom. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Aba - (Nigeria) The Most Revd Ugochuckwu Ezuoke NORTH ELBIA LINK The recent link of Eddelak with Eggescliffe and of St Lukas, Hamburg with Parish of Monkwearmouth.
Sunday 3 Christmas 2	DURHAM DIOCESE Cockerton, St Mary. <i>Richard Wallace (Vicar).</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION The Most Revd Phillip Aspinall - Archbishop of Brisbane & Primate of Australia ALBA IULIA LINK Pray for the Children's Centre in Ludus and Fr Constantin Savu.
Monday 4 	DURHAM DIOCESE High Coniscliffe, St Edwin and Piercebridge, St Mary. <i>John Dobson (Priest-in-charge), Clifton Stockdale (Reader).</i> Give thanks for the witness of the congregations in both churches and pray for new initiatives to engage with all four villages. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Abakaliki - (Nigeria) Bp Benson Onyeibor LESOTHO PARISHES St Mary & St John's, Bots'abelo, Maseru (vacant)
Tuesday 5	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Diocesan Advisory Committee meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Aberdeen & Orkney - (Scotland) Bp Robert Gillies HEALING & WHOLENESS Pray for those suffering from terminal illnesses. May they find comfort and peace during their final days.
Wednesday 6 Epiphany 	DURHAM DIOCESE Darlington, Holy Trinity. <i>Ven Nick Barker (Priest-in-charge), Elfrida Savigear (Associate priest).</i> For their contacts with young people, the recently started 4pm service on the first Sunday of the month, and the church as they consider renovation to the roof which has dry rot. ANGLICAN COMMUNION O God, who revealed your only Son to the Gentiles by the leading of a star, mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may after this life enjoy the splendour of your gracious Godhead, through Jesus Christ our Lord. THE WORLD AROUND US At the beginning of this year, pray that world leaders will tackle poverty in developing countries as well as those in their own nations.
Thursday 7	DURHAM DIOCESE Darlington, St Cuthbert. <i>Robert Williamson (Vicar), Hylda Hopper (Reader).</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Adelaide - (Australia) The Most Revd Jeffrey Driver ALL GOD'S PEOPLE Indonesia. Pop. 230 million. Indonesia is prone to earthquakes and volcanoes. Pray for more investment in warning systems to prevent unnecessary deaths as seen in the devastating 2004 tsunamis.

Friday 8 	DURHAM DIOCESE Darlington, St Hilda and St Columba. <i>Sheilagh Williamson (Priest-in-charge), Deborah Robinson (MSE Curate), Sue Bell (Reader), Catherine Walton (APA).</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Afikpo (Nigeria) Bp Paul Udogu THE WORLD AT RISK Polar bears were listed as threatened under the US Endangered Species Act in 2008. Give thanks for the US's decision to classify 200,000sq miles of 'critical habitat' along Alaska's coast.
Saturday 9 	DURHAM DIOCESE Darlington, St James. <i>Ian Grieves (Vicar).</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Agra - (North India) Bp Dr Samuel R Cutting SOCIAL ACTION Following last year's positive achievements at DFW, pray for their ongoing success and for those seeking to become adopters.
Sunday 10 Epiphany 1 	DURHAM DIOCESE Darlington, St Mark with St Paul. <i>Paul Baker (Vicar), Catherine Jowett (Reader).</i> Give thanks for the ministry of Katherine Bagnall, their curate, leaving for an incumbency. Give thanks for signs of growth and pray for courage and vision in looking ahead. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Bp Paul Sarkar Moderator, Church of Bangladesh & Bishop of Kushtia THE PERSECUTED CHURCH Christian Asia Bibi has been in custody in Pakistan since June facing a trial relating to charges of blasphemy of the prophet Mohammed. Pray for her wellbeing whilst in detention.
Monday 11 	DURHAM DIOCESE Darlington, St Matthew and St Luke. <i>Joyce Barber (APA).</i> Give thanks for the ministry of leading lay people during the Interregnum and pray for the discernment of a clear vision. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Aguata (Nigeria) Bp Christian Efobi THELESOTHO LINK Pray for all the staff who work for the LINK in Lesotho and give thanks for the positive effects of using the 'Following Jesus' booklet in their morning staff prayers, encouraging greater commitment to Bible study and reflection.
Tuesday 12	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Bishop's Staff Team two day meeting. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Ahoada (Nigeria) Bp Clement Ekpeye LESOTHO PARISHES St John's, Maseru (Fr. Robert Stretton)
Wednesday 13 	DURHAM DIOCESE Hurworth, All Saints, Dinsdale, St. John the Baptist and Sockburn (at Girsby), All Saints. <i>Paul Mallett (Reader).</i> Give thanks for the sustained ministry and mission of the three churches during the Interregnum and pray for a clear vision for their future within the West Darlington group of parishes. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Ajayi - Crowther (Ibadan, Nigeria) Bp Olukemi Oduntan HEALING & WHOLENESS Pray for those who face uncertainty over their health - for those awaiting test results, or about to undergo surgery.
Thursday 14	DURHAM DIOCESE The first 'Big Read' event, 'An Introduction to St Luke', gets underway tonight with Bishop Tom in Stockton. Pray for him and all those involved in 'The Big Read' programme this year. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Akoko - (Province of Ondo, Nigeria) Bp Gabriel Akinbiyi THE WORLD AROUND US A year on from President Obama's inauguration, give thanks for his vision to unite divided nations.
Friday 15 	DURHAM DIOCESE East Darlington TM – Darlington, St Herbert and Darlington, St John. <i>Mike Dent (Team Rector), Christine Blakesley (Team Vicar), Leon Rogers (Curate), Sue Plummer, Olwyn Aylott (Readers).</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Akoko Edo (Nigeria) Bp Jolly Oyekpen ALL GOD'S PEOPLE Sri Lanka. Pop. 19 million. Areas controlled by Tamil Tiger rebels have finally been cleared. Pray for civilians returning home to start rebuilding their lives.

Saturday 16 	DURHAM DIOCESE Haughton le Skerne, St Andrew and St Andrew's in Whinfield. <i>David Bryan (Rector), Sue Bruce (OLM Curate), Lesley Stegner, Pauline Young (Readers), Sue Chew (OLM in training), Georgine Whitfield, Gill Jones (APAs).</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Akure - (Province of Ondo, Nigeria) Bp Michael Ipinmoye THE WORLD AT RISK Pray for WWF's work in safeguarding the natural world and other environmental action.
Sunday 17 Epiphany 2	DURHAM DIOCESE Heighington, St Michael and Bolam, St Andrew. <i>Philip Thomas (Vicar), George Barnes (Reader).</i> Pray as they look at ways to resource the parishes with the reduction in the number of stipendiary clergy. Thankfulness for an excellent Locality confirmation service, and plans for lay-training and a retreat in the new year. ANGLICAN COMMUNION The Most Revd Maurício José Araújo de Andrade Primate of Brazil & Bishop of Brasilia SOCIAL ACTION Pray for marriages at the point of breakdown, for reconciliation and for charities working to bring families together.
Monday 18	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Council for Ministry meeting tonight. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Alabama - (Province IV, USA) Bp Henry Parsley THE PERSECUTED CHURCH Pray for those Christians in Eritrea who have been detained by security forces.
Tuesday 19 	DURHAM DIOCESE Middleton, St George and Middleton, St Laurence. <i>Paul Neville (Rector), David Tolhurst (Curate), Anita Foster (APA).</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Alaska - (Province VIII, USA) Vacant THE LESOTHO LINK Give thanks for the recent successful application for funding from the Global Environment Fund which will enable the LINK to develop further the effective work that it does with schools in Lesotho, especially its extensive tree planting project.
Wednesday 20	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the DBF Executive meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Bishop of Albany - (Province II, USA) Bp William Love LESOTHO PARISHES Christ the Healer, Lithoteng (Fr Joseph Leodi)
Thursday 21	DURHAM DIOCESE Sadberge, St Andrew. <i>Paul Neville (Rector), David Tolhurst (Curate), Anita Foster (APA).</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Algoma - (Ontario, Canada) Bp Stephen Andrews HEALING & WHOLENESS Pray for those people suffering from depression and other mental health conditions. May they know God's love and presence beside them.
Friday 22 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Deanery's hospital chaplains - <i>Brian Selmes, Linda LPeall, Colin Jay and Raymond Cuthbertson.</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Amazon - (Brazil) Bp Saulo Mauricio de Barros THE WORLD AROUND US Pray for British forces engaged in the conflict with the Taliban in Afghanistan, remembering those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice during military operations and all who are grieving.
Saturday 23 	DURHAM DIOCESE The Deanery's church schools – St John's, St George's, Cockerton, Heighington and High Coniscliffe primaries. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Amichi - (Nigeria) Bp Ephraim Ikeakor ALL GOD'S PEOPLE Zimbabwe. Pop. 12.5 million. Despite the power sharing government, the economy is still in deep crisis. Pray for those who continue to face shortages of food and risk malnutrition.