





<p>Wednesday 27</p> 	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Give thanks and pray for retired clergy in Chester le Street Deanery as they give what support they can to the parishes. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Portsmouth (CofE) Rt Revd Christopher Foster. THE WORLD AT RISK Scientists are still fearful that the Amazon rainforest will disappear by the end of the century through a combination of clearance and global warming. Pray that efforts to halt the felling of vast areas of timber will finally be successful and that industrialised nations will be more open to change in order to reduce carbon emissions.</p>
<p>Thursday 28</p> 	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Northumbrian Industrial Mission - <i>passionate about mission</i>. We pray for all those working in the emergency services, for the expertise and care they provide and for the protection they give to victims. We pray that the government cuts will not be detrimental to and stifle the important role these services give to our communities. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Pretoria (South Africa) Rt Revd Dr Johannes Seoka. HEALING & WHOLENESS Pray for those members of our Armed Forces who have been injured in conflict and the specialists who work for their rehabilitation.</p>
<p>Friday 29</p> 	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for our clergy, diocesan officers and all who minister that, as the holiday season is upon us they will be able to take time out for rest and refreshment so as to be energised for the tasks that lie ahead. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Puerto Rico (USA) Rt Revd David Alvarez-Velazquez. ALL GOD'S PEOPLE Kenya. Population 30 million. In a society that claims to be largely Christian, pray that all Christians in national and church leadership will challenge the human rights abuses, ethnic discrimination and corruption that exists.</p>
<p>Saturday 30</p> 	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Church Schools in Stockton and Chester le-Street Deaneries, for staff governors and students. And pray especially that this holiday time will be a positive time of rest and re-creation. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Pune (North India) Rt Revd Vijay Sathe. WHE WORLD ABOUT US Pray for the work of the Church Army and particularly those who are retired and play such a pivotal role for the organisation.</p>
<p>Sunday 31</p> <p>Trinity 6</p>	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for all our churches throughout the Diocese that they will be equipped and encouraged to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit fill them and journey with them as they continue to find fresh ways of helping God to build the Kingdom in our region. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Qu'Appelle (Canada) Rt Revd Gregory Kerr-Wilson THE WORLD AROUND US Pray that the EU Directive on Human Trafficking will result in more criminals across Europe being convicted and that those who have been abused by them will be healed and rehabilitated.</p>



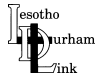
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CYCLE OF PRAYER

<p>The focus of our prayers in DURHAM DIOCESE this month are STOCKTON (continued) and CHESTER LE STREET DEANERIES</p>	
<p>Friday 1</p>	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Stockton St Mark. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Oru (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Geoffrey Chukwuneny THE WORLD AROUND US Give thanks for the support that churches give to world mission and pray that this will not be affected by the current economic situation.</p>
<p>Saturday 2</p>	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the new Priests who will be ordained today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Osaka (Japan) Rt Revd Samuel Ohnishi. SOCIAL ACTION Pray for ongoing ways to protect children from the inappropriate use of the internet and social networking sites.</p>
<p>Sunday 3</p> <p>Trinity 2 St Thomas</p>	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the new Deacons who will be ordained today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Osun (Nigeria) Rt Revd James Popoola. THE PERSECUTED CHURCH 11 members of the Church of Iran are awaiting a verdict charged with attending a house church and drinking communion wine. Pray for them and for religious tolerance in Iran and other Islamic states.</p>
<p>Monday 4</p> 	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Bishop's Staff team meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Ottawa (Canada) Rt Revd John Chapman. ALL GOD'S PEOPLE Papua New Guinea. Population 6 million, 85% of whom live in rural areas. There are over 800 different languages and the nation is dominated by traditional cultural and farming practices. Social services, health and education largely provided by the Church.</p>
<p>Tuesday 5</p> 	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Clergy Summer Gathering which begins today that it would be a time of refreshment and encouragement for our clergy. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Oturkpo (Nigeria) Rt Revd David Bello. THE LESOTHO LINK Pray for the new trustees at the Durham end of the LINK, asking that God will give them wisdom and discernment as they help to guide the LINK in its future direction.</p>
<p>Wednesday 6</p> 	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Give thanks and pray for the retired clergy and others across the diocese who are covering funerals and other ministries, while parish clergy attend the Summer Gathering. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Owerri (Nigeria) Rt Revd Dr Cyril Okorocho LESOTHO PARISHES Maseru East: The Church of the Resurrection - Fr Mosia Sello SSM.</p>
<p>Thursday 7</p>	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Stockton St Paul. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Owo (Nigeria) Rt Revd James Oladunjoye HEALING & WHOLENESS Give thanks for advances in the transformation of a person's own skin cells to repair damaged parts of their body. Pray for the ongoing success of new treatments for a range of diseases and injuries that use ethically acceptable techniques like this.</p>
<p>Friday 8</p>	<p>DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for General Synod members as they meet for the Summer sessions in York over the next few days. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Oxford (CofE) Rt Revd John L Pritchard THE WORLD AT RISK Scientists predict that global sea levels will rise higher than previous forecasts. Pray that governments will unite together to tackle global warming.</p>

Saturday 9 	DURHAM DIOCESE Stockton St Peter. Give thanks for the continued growth and development of MESSY CHURCH and the dedication of the many helpers. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Oyo (Nigeria) Rt Revd Jacob Fasipe. THE WORLD AROUND US Pray about gun and knife crime and other gang activities that often attract young people who lack a loving father.
Sunday 10 Trinity 3	DURHAM DIOCESE Stockton St Thomas. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Panama (Central America) Rt Revd Julio Murray. HEALING & WHOLENESS Pray for good health care for elderly people who now account for over three quarters of all NHS patients and 60% of hospital admissions.
Monday 11 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Diocesan Board of Education meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Pankshin (Nigeria) Rt Revd Olumuyiwa Ajayi. SOCIAL ACTION DFW Adoption: Pray for the Adoption Panel as they work with prospective adoptive parents to assess their suitability.
Tuesday 12 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Diocesan Advisory Committee meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Paraguay (South America) Rt Revd John Ellison. THE WORLD AT RISK After a tense week (May 15-21) for climate campaigners, the UK government has now agreed a world-leading climate target for reducing carbon emissions in the 2020s - a significant step to getting the green economy on track.
Wednesday 13	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Diocesan Board of Finance Exec. meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Patna (North India) Rt Revd Philip Marandih. ALL GOD'S PEOPLE Democratic Republic of Congo: Population 71 million. A devastating war left 5.4 million people dead and in spite of the peace agreement in 2003 violence continues. Pray for peace and stability for the country.
Thursday 14 	DURHAM DIOCESE Chester le Street Deanery: Pray for the Area Dean and staff ANGLICAN COMMUNION Pelotas (Brazil) Rt Revd Renato Raatz. THE PERSECUTED CHURCH In Nigeria, at least 500 people were killed and many more injured in devastating violence that followed the presidential elections, which were generally hailed as the fairest poll in decades. And across five states over 100 churches have been burned to the ground or destroyed.
Friday 15 	DURHAM DIOCESE Birtley St John the Evangelist. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Pennsylvania (USA) Rt Revd Charles Bennison. THE LESOTHO LINK Pray for the country of Lesotho as the British government cuts its funding, that the Basotho will not feel deserted by Britain and that the LINK and other NGOs will be able to reassure them of an ongoing commitment.
Saturday 16 	DURHAM DIOCESE Chester le Street St Mary & St Cuthbert. Pray for the adjustments needed following retirement of senior curate Peter Tyreus in April and for the parish as they seek ways to engage more with their community. Give thanks and pray for the 6 young people from the parish who completed the Growing Young Leaders course with the Sowing the Seeds project. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Perth (Australia) The Most Revd Roger Herft. LESOTHO PARISHES Maseru St John: Fr Robert Stretton SSM
Sunday 17 Trinity 4	DURHAM DIOCESE Fatfield St George. <i>Bob Lawson (Reader).</i> Pray for the development of All Saints in people and buildings so that they may serve Christ in the village and beyond. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Peru (South America) Rt Revd Harold Godfrey. THE WORLD AROUND US Pray for people who have been wrongly imprisoned, especially those serving long sentences on 'death row', that they would receive justice and mercy.

Monday 18	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Bishop's Council Enabling Group meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Peshawar (Pakistan) Rt Revd Humphrey Peters SOCIAL ACTION Pray for children in care and, with the huge shortage of foster carers, that more people will come forward to undertake this vital work.
Tuesday 19	DURHAM DIOCESE Lumley Christ Church. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Peterborough (CofE) Rt Revd Donald Allister. THE WORLD AT RISK Pray for a simple solution to be found to the problem of marine and beach litter - mainly plastic debris which takes decades to degrade.
Wednesday 20 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Area Deans meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Phulbani (North India) Rt Revd Bijay Nayak. ALL GOD'S PEOPLE South Africa. Pop approx 50 mil. A parliamentary democracy, with 9 provinces and 11 official languages. South Africa also contains the largest communities of European, Asian, and racially mixed ancestry in Africa. About a quarter of the population is unemployed. Pray for the continued efforts to reduce the levels of poverty which exist mainly in the black African townships.
Thursday 21	DURHAM DIOCESE Oxclose. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Pittsburgh (USA) Rt Revd Robert Johnson. SOCIAL ACTION Pray for children in socially deprived areas and schools where staff and governors struggle to provide good educational standards.
Friday 22 Mary Magdalene	DURHAM DIOCESE Pelton Holy Trinity. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Polynesia (New Zealand) The Most Revd Winston Halapua THE WORLD AROUND US Pray for those who are involved in the criminal justice system and ask that everyone be given the right to a fair trial. Pray particularly for the organisation - 'Fair Trials Abroad'.
Saturday 23 	DURHAM DIOCESE Usworth Holy Trinity TM. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Popondota (Papua New Guinea) Rt Revd Joseph Kopapa THE WORLD AT RISK As WWF celebrates its 50th birthday this year we give thanks for one of its proudest achievements - helping to secure the most important ever international agreement for protecting life on Earth: the Convention on Biological Diversity.
Sunday 24 Trinity 5	DURHAM DIOCESE Washington Holy Trinity. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Port Elizabeth (South Africa) Rt Revd Nceba Nopece. HEALING & WHOLENESS Heart disease continues to be one of the UK's biggest killers. Pray that people, especially men, will be more aware of the risks of not looking after their hearts. We give thanks for the British Heart Foundation and their awareness campaigns and for the work of BHF nurses.
Monday 25 St James	DURHAM DIOCESE West Pelton St Paul. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea) Rt Revd Peter Ramsden THE PERSECUTED CHURCH In Colombia, armed groups including the FARC guerrillas frequently target pastors and Christians, forcing them to stop preaching, harassing them, disappearing them and murdering them. Pray for those who are working for peace and justice in Colombia.
Tuesday 26 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Closed Church Uses Committee meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Port Sudan (Sudan) Rt Revd Yousif Kuku THE LESOTHO LINK Pray for a good response to the LINK's Children on the Front Line appeal, that the projects working with so many young people will provide the teaching, support and help which is so desperately needed at such a crucial time in their lives.