





Tuesday 25 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for St Aidan's Church of England Primary School, head teacher Lesley Steele, staff, pupils and governors. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Cuernavaca - (Mexico) Bp Ramiro Vera THE PERSECUTED CHURCH Pray for all Christian leaders imprisoned around the world for simply proclaiming their faith.
Wednesday 26 	DURHAM DIOCESE Give thanks and pray for the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Gateshead - patients and staff and chaplain, Jonathan Perry. ANGLICAN COMMUNION On the day marking St Augustine of Canterbury, pray for The Most Revd Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury. THE LESOTHO LINK Pray for Joseph Morenammele who has been appointed to run the Theological Education by Extension programme which is crucial for theological development in Lesotho.
Thursday 27	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Closed Churches Uses Team and the Council for Mission meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Curitiba - (Brazil) Bp Naudal Gomes LESOTHO PARISHES St. Matthew's, Malealea (<i>Awaiting a priest</i>)
Friday 28	DURHAM DIOCESE Gateshead Community Arts Chaplain, Jim Craig ANGLICAN COMMUNION Cuttack - (North India) Bp Samson Das HEALING & WHOLENESS Pray for young carers who work tirelessly for those they care for. May they be given the support they need to enjoy their childhood.
Saturday 29 	DURHAM DIOCESE Lay Chaplain to Dryden Road Professional Development Centre, Philip Coker ANGLICAN COMMUNION Cyangugu - (Rwanda) Bp Geoffrey Rwubusisi THE WORLD AROUND US While we take for granted the gift of education, pray for children around the world who have no access to education, and for the necessary resources to improve this situation.
Sunday 30 Trinity Sunday	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for all who are searching for a deeper faith in the Deanery, especially those attending Alpha courses and preparing for Baptism and Confirmation. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Pray for The Church of the Province of Melanesia, the Most Revd David Vunagi Archbishop of Melanesia and Bishop of Central Melanesia ALL GOD'S PEOPLE Nepal. Pop. 29 million. The country is struggling to overcome a ten-year campaign by Maoists against the monarchy which left 12,000 dead and a further 100,000 displaced.
Monday 31 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Deanery's ecumenical partners from other Christian denominations and wider faith communities. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Cyprus and the Gulf - (Middle East) Bp Michael Lewis THE WORLD AT RISK Pray for the 'Act on CO2' campaign working to better educate the public on reducing their carbon footprint.




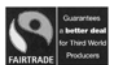
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CYCLE OF PRAYER

Our prayers for The Body of Christ in Durham Diocese focus this month on GATESHEAD DEANERY	
Saturday 1 	DURHAM DIOCESE Gateshead Deanery. <i>Val Shedden (Area Dean), Heather Bramwell (Lay Chair), Marjorie Cavagan (Secretary), D Bell (Finance/Stewardship Officer), Jean Bush (Treasurer).</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Chester - (CofE) Bp Dr Peter Forster THE LESOTHO LINK Pray for the schools in the Durham Diocese which are linked with schools in Lesotho, that these links will prove to be of great mutual benefit.
Sunday 2 Easter 5	DURHAM DIOCESE Bensham, St Chad. <i>Awaiting an Incumbent</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya The Most Revd Eliud Wabukala Archbishop of Kenya & Bishop of All Saints Cathedral NORTH ELBIA LINK Pray for conversation between students and staff of Ratzeburg Preachers' Seminary and the Lindisfarne Regional Training Partnership.
Monday 3 	DURHAM DIOCESE Eighton Banks, St Thomas. <i>Dorothy Snowball (Priest-in-charge MSE), Ray Lee, Michael Robinson (Churchwardens), Ann Partington (APA).</i> Pray for the congregation and the challenge of planning and funding the re-ordering of the Church; and for the Church's mission and ministry in Gateshead. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Chicago - (Province V, USA) Bp Jeffrey Lee SOCIAL ACTION We pray for children with Special Educational Needs and that they are given all the support and assistance they need.
Tuesday 4	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Bishop's Staff Team meeting for the next 3 days. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Chichester - (CofE) Bp John Hind LESOTHO PARISHES St John's, Pokane (Fr Joseph Leodi)
Wednesday 5	DURHAM DIOCESE Felling, Christ Church. <i>Trevor Davidson (Vicar), Ray Holmes, Tom Worsley, Linda Hough, Allison Harding (Readers).</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Chile - (South America) Bp Hector Zavala HEALING & WHOLENESS Pray for the NHS and for those tasked with our wellbeing when we need medical care.
Thursday 6	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Liturgical Committee meeting tonight. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Chotanagpur - (North India) Vacant THE WORLD AROUND US Pray for the victims of Madeira's devastating floods and for the rebuilding efforts in preparation for the tourist season.
Friday 7 	DURHAM DIOCESE Gateshead TM. St Edmund's Chapel. <i>Jon Wilkinson (Team Rector), Eveline Carr (Associate priest), Adele Phillips (Curate), Jim Craig (Chaplain), Joyce Lewis (APA).</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Christ the King - (South Africa) Bp Peter Lee THE WORLD AT RISK We pray for peacekeeping forces around the world trying to tackle the threat of extremism.
Saturday 8 	DURHAM DIOCESE Gateshead TM. St James and St Bede. <i>Jon Wilkinson (Team Rector), Eveline Carr (Associate priest), Adele Phillips (Curate), Jim Craig (Chaplain), Joyce Lewis (APA).</i> ANGLICAN COMMUNION Christchurch - (New Zealand) Bp Victoria Matthews ALL GOD'S PEOPLE On World Fair Trade Day, pray for efforts by the World Fair Trade Organisation to highlight the imbalance in trade that leaves millions of people living in poverty.

Sunday 9 Easter 6 	DURHAM DIOCESE Gateshead, St John the Evangelist. (<i>Awaiting an Incumbent</i>), <i>Ruth Grant (Reader)</i> . Give thanks for the commitment of the congregation of St John's in continuing to serve God and the community during the current time of waiting. Pray that it continues to be a time of growth and discovery of gifts that enrich the individual and the church. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Pray for the Anglican Church of Korea Bp Solomon Jongmo Yoon Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of Korea & Bishop of Busan CHRISTIAN AID At the start of Christian Aid week, pray for the charity and give thanks for its work helping people across the world living in extreme poverty.
Monday 10 	DURHAM DIOCESE Gateshead, St George. (<i>Awaiting an Incumbent</i>), <i>Stephen Sanders (Reader)</i> . ANGLICAN COMMUNION Chubu - (Japan) Bp Francis Mori CHRISTIAN AID Pray for the charity's partners in the Holy Land working with Israelis and Palestinians to promote peace and stability.
Tuesday 11 	DURHAM DIOCESE Gateshead, St Helen. <i>Bruce Harrison (Vicar)</i> . ANGLICAN COMMUNION Clogher - (Armagh, Ireland) Bp Michael Jackson CHRISTIAN AID Pray that the funding by Christian Aid in Malawi will help people better prepared for the rainy season which often leads to devastating flooding.
Wednesday 12 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the DBF Executive and the Council for Ministry meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Coimbatore - (South India) Bp Manickam Dorai CHRISTIAN AID Pray for the charity's partners in Sri Lanka working to help people displaced by the civil war to return home by providing clean water, sanitation, food and clothing.
Thursday 13 Ascension Day 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for all churches in the Diocese marking Christ's ascension. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Colorado - (USA) Bp Robert O'Neill CHRISTIAN AID Pray for the charity's partners in Sri Lanka working to help people displaced by the civil war to return home by providing clean water, sanitation, food and clothing.
Friday 14 	DURHAM DIOCESE Harlow Green, St Ninian. <i>Mark Worthington (Vicar)</i> , <i>George Lackenby (Reader)</i> . ANGLICAN COMMUNION Colombia - (Province IX, USA) Bp F Duque-Gomez CHRISTIAN AID Pray for the charity's initiatives in Congo working to reform communities torn apart by poverty, violence and misrule.
Saturday 15 	DURHAM DIOCESE Lamesley, St Andrew. <i>Mark Worthington (Vicar)</i> , <i>George Lackenby (Reader)</i> . ANGLICAN COMMUNION Colombo - (Ceylon) Bp Duleep de Chickera CHRISTIAN AID As Christian Aid week draws to a close, give thanks for the thousands of volunteers across the UK who have been collecting donations and fund-raising to help with the charity's work.
Sunday 16 Easter 7	DURHAM DIOCESE The Pope has designated today as World Communications Day. We thank God for the way in which the Diocese is effectively communicating its message in digital formats and pray particularly for the work of the Communications and IT Task Group. ANGLICAN COMMUNION On Anglican Communion Sunday we remember all that Jesus did as we share His body and His blood. SOCIAL ACTION Give thanks for the Boys Brigade who are working to engage a generation of children and young people with a message of hope rooted in Jesus.

Monday 17 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Houses Committee meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Connecticut - (Province I, USA) Bp Andrew Smith THE PERSECUTED CHURCH Eight churches and Christian shops were burnt down by a mob in Nigeria. Pray for those Christians whose properties have been destroyed and for an easing of tensions.
Tuesday 18 	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Diocesan Advisory Committee meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Connor - (Armagh, Ireland) Bp Alan Francis Abernethy THE LESOTHO LINK Give thanks for plans to re-open the clinic at Ha Mohatlane which will be run by the Maluti hospital serving the needs of a large rural area, and pray that swift progress will be made.
Wednesday 19 	DURHAM DIOCESE Heworth, St Mary. <i>Val Shedden (Vicar)</i> , <i>Julia Perkins (Associate Minister)</i> , <i>Phyllis Maxwell (Reader)</i> . Pray for a deeper sense of God's call to serve the community and opportunities to draw people to worship, Particularly asking God's help in improve the welcome to casual attendees at St Mary's. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Cork, Cloyne & Ross - (Dublin, Ireland) Bp William Colton LESOTHO PARISHES St Bartholomew's, Sekameng (Fr Thabo Sefants'i)
Thursday 20	DURHAM DIOCESE Leam Lane, St Andrew. <i>Alan Raine (Vicar)</i> . ANGLICAN COMMUNION Costa Rica - (Central America) Bp Hector Monterroso HEALING & WHOLENESS Pray for the efforts by Christian and Muslim faith leaders to tackle malaria in Africa.
Friday 21 	DURHAM DIOCESE Windy Nook, St Alban. <i>Becky Lumley (Vicar)</i> , <i>Ken Coulson (Reader)</i> . <i>Allison Harding (soon to be licensed as reader)</i> . Pray for the 'Faith in Music Project' and 'The Gateshead Gospel Project' that they are both successful in drawing others into the Church family; for the new worship service for young people launched on Easter Day, and for the church reordering. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Coventry - (CofE) Bp Christopher Cocksworth THE WORLD AROUND US Pray for journalists working in dangerous places around the world and remember in prayer those killed while doing their jobs.
Saturday 22	DURHAM DIOCESE Pray for the Diocesan Synod meeting today. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Cuba - Vacant. (The Bishop of Uruguay is providing Episcopal oversight until a new Bishop is elected). ALL GOD'S PEOPLE Tuvalu. Pop. 11,000. Tuvalu is a group of 9 small islands in the South Pacific at risk of being swamped by rising sea levels due to global warming.
Sunday 23 Day of Pentecost 	DURHAM DIOCESE On this day of Pentecost we give thanks and pray for those in our churches who help to spread the good news of Christ Jesus. May the Holy Spirit fill them and travel with them as they go about their work. ANGLICAN COMMUNION Suffragan Bishop of Cuba - (Cuba) The Rt Revd Nerva Cot Aguilera THE WORLD AT RISK WWF says that since 1998, tigers have lost 40 per cent of their habitat. Pray for WWF and its work with world leaders towards the goal of doubling wild tiger numbers by 2022.
Monday 24 	DURHAM DIOCESE Giving thanks to the retired clergy in the deanery for all they do - <i>Ray Knell, Philip Wright, David Roberts, Bernice Broggio and Ralf Shaw</i> . ANGLICAN COMMUNION Cueibet - (Sudan) Bp Reuben Makoi SOCIAL ACTION Pray for those drawn into criminal activity that they may see the error of their ways. We also pray for the victims of crime.