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This month we pray for Chester le Street & Houghton Deanery

Thursday 24th Thursday of Easter Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newbottle St Matthew, Minister: Vacant, Readers: Tom Dick, Stephen Holmes, Mrs Joanne Martin Our Bishops - Sarah, Assistant Bishops: John, David, Stephen, Rob & Frank Licensed Lay Ministries—Warden: Ven Libby Wilkinson, Sub Wardens: Stephen Holmes, Dr Jocelyn Bryan, Mrs Connie Robinson, Mr Andrew Trigger and Mrs Lina Beck Diocese of Medak (The Church of South India (United)) Rt Revd A C Solomon Raj
Friday 25th Friday of Easter Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revd Dr Alastair Prince, Vocations Strategy Development Adviser Pam Wilson Vocations development support officer Revd Joanne Thorns: Refugee and Asylum Project Co-ordinator. Diocesan links; Nordkirche - Germany & Alba Iulia - Romania Diocese of Central Melanesia (Melanesia) Most Revd Leonard Dawea
Saturday 26th Saturday of Easter Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Usworth Holy Trinity and Usworth St Michael, Rector: Revd Julie Wing, Curate: Rev Bethany McNeeley Diocesan Chancellor: Adrian Iles Registrar: Phillip Wills Senior Force Chaplain Durham Police: Canon Adrian Gatrill Diocese of Melbourne (The Anglican Church of Australia) Most Revd Dr Philip Freier
Sunday 27th Easter Season Second Sunday of Easter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospital Chaplains: Revd Norma Clee, Joanne Nicholson, (Co Durham and Darlington), Revd Canon Remi Omole (Sunderland), Vacant (Sherburn), Revd Gareth Rowlands and Revd Joan Urwin (Gateshead), Revd Jane Easterby (North Tees and Hartlepool), Revd Pat Bealing, (South Tyneside), Canon Colin Jay, Revd Osaro Omobude and Revd Debbie Baker, Revd Christine Britcliffe (Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys), Revd Dr David Davidson (Cumbria Northumberland, Tyne and Wear) Province of the Indian Ocean: Most Revd Dr Gilbert Ratelolon Rakotondravelo
Monday 28th Easter Season George, Martyr, Patron of England, c304	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Houghton le Spring St Michael and All Angels, PiC: Revd John Barron, Readers: Mrs Susan Elsey, Mrs Ros Pickersgill, Mrs Anne Clappison Pennywell building a presence through Shop4All and Cafe4All Diocesan Secretary, James Morgan: all who work at Cuthbert House Diocese of Meridional (Brasil) Rt Revd Humberto Maiztegue Goncalves
Tuesday 29th Easter Season Mark the Evangelist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bishop's Council (AGM) DAC, Chair: Nick Barker; Buildings for Mission Secretary: Martin Howard SSM's & Self-Supporting Ministry Adviser: Revd Canon Dorothy Snowball Diocese of Meru (The Anglican Church of Kenya) Rt Revd Charles Mwendwa
Wednesday 30th Easter Season Pandita Mary Ramabai, Translator of the Scriptures, 1922	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cathedral Musicians and Vergers, Daniel Cook, Master of Choristers. Sub-organist Joseph Beech, Head Verger: Rebekah Best Society of St Wilfred & St Hilda: Bp Stephen Race, Fr Paul Kennedy Victims of clerical sexual abuse Diocese of México (Mexico) Rt Revd Alba Sally Sue Hernandez Garcia

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Tuesday 1st Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, Teacher of the Faith, 1872	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chester le Street & Houghton Synod: Area Dean: Revd John Lintern, Lay Chair: Dr Simon Wilkinson, Secretary: Vacant, Treasurer: Malcolm Adamson Interviews for Priest in Charge of St John's Birtley and St Andrew's Lamesley St. Anthony's Priory - Revd Dr Nicholas Buxton, Ruth Grant, Revd Canon Paul Tyler, Laurence Pinkney, Scholastica Jacob, Sheila Shearer, Gavin Harper Diocese of Masasi (The Anglican Church of Tanzania) Rt Revd James Almasi
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chester le Street St Mary and St Cuthbert, Rector: Revd Matt Strand, SSM Curate: Revd Miriam Wakefield, PM: Mrs Sharon Dodds, Mrs Sue Begg, Mrs Louise Vincent, PM and Reader: Paul Vincent, Reader: John Hopper, Reader: Mr Peter Jaynes Chester le Street CE Primary, Head Teacher: Ms Rachel Butler Diocese of Maseno East (The Anglican Church of Kenya) Rt Revd Joshua Owiti
Thursday 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bishop's Leadership Team meeting Diocesan Director of Education: David Akers, Communities of Hope based out of Youll House, Thornley, and The Clarences. Diocese of Maseno North (Kenya) Rt Revd Charles Kaskan Asilutwa
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Increase in vocations to ministry in each Deanery in the Diocese Adviser in Pastoral Care, Counselling and Clergy Wellbeing: Simon Rose The people of Ukraine, for courage and fortitude, Diocese of Maseno South (The Anglican Church of Kenya) Rt Revd Charles Ong'injo
Saturday 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pelton Holy Trinity and West Pelton St Paul, Vicar: Revd John Lintern, Curate: Revd Simon Spencer, Reader: Mrs Alison MacKay Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor: Mrs Beth Miller and Support Officer: Wendy Hopkins Diocese of Maseno West (The Anglican Church of Kenya) Rt Revd John Godia
Sunday 6th Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passiontide begins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University Chaplains - Revd Julia Candy, Revd Peter Kashouris, Revd Gavin Wort, Revd David Rushton, The Revd Dr Samuel Hole, Revd Fiona Hill, (Durham) Revd Chris Howson (Sunderland) Iglesia Anglicana de Chile: Most Revd Enrique Lago Zugadi
Monday 7th Passiontide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mother's Union: President Mrs Carole Hopkinson, Chaplain: Revd Norma Clee Revd Canon Dr Alan Bartlett: Ministry Development Advisor, Diocese of Masindi-Kitara (Province of Uganda) Rt Revd George Kasangaki
Tuesday 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birtley St John the Evangelist, Minister: Vacant, Reader: Mrs Margaret Whitley Northumbria Industrial Mission Chaplains, led by Fiona Usher Diocese of Massachusetts (The Episcopal Church) Rt Revd Julia Whitworth

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<p>Wednesday 9th Passiontide Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran Pastor, Martyr, 1945</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fatfield St George, Vicar: Revd Nick Barr-Hamilton, Reader: Maurice Taylor, PM's: Mrs Eve Winstanley ● Our Archdeacons, Rick Simpson (Auckland), Libby Wilkinson (Durham) and Assistant Archdeacons - The Revd Paul Neville, The Revd Canon Katherine Bagnall and The Revd Paul Arnold. ● Diocese of Western Massachusetts (The Episcopal Church) Rt Revd Douglas Fisher
<p>Thursday 10th Passiontide William Law, Priest, Spiritual Writer, 1761 William of Ockham, Friar, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1347</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lumley Christ Church, PiC: Revd John Estall, SSM Associate Priest: Revd Christine Britcliffe ● The Revd Dr Chris Knights: Bishop's Chaplain, Jo Dowsett (Bishop's PA); and Rachael Cleasby (Assistant Secretary); Jane Lintern ● Diocesan Retreat House, Shepherds Dene, staff ● Diocese of Masvingo (Province of Central Africa) Rt Revd Osiward Mapika
<p>Friday 11th Passiontide George Augustus Selwyn, First Bishop of New Zealand, 1878</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● West Rainton St Mary, East Rainton St Cuthbert in Plurality: PiC Revd John Estall, SSM Associate Priest: Revd Christine Britcliffe, Reader: Mr Julian Ward ● Ven Libby Wilkinson and the team of Diocesan Support Staff ● Diocese of Matabeleland (Province of Central Africa) Rt Revd Cleophas Lunga
<p>Saturday 12th Passiontide</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chilton Moor St Andrew, PiC: Revd John Estall, SSM Associate Priest: Revd Christine Britcliffe ● 'Communities of Hope' (CofH), raising indigenous leaders ● Diocese of Matana (Burundi) Rt Revd Seth Ndayirukiye
<p>Sunday 13th Palm Sunday</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dean & Chapter of Durham - Dean: Very Revd Dr Philip Plymington: Revd Canons Prof Simon Oliver, Charlie Allen, Michael Hampel, Michael Everitt, Lay Canons: Dr Maria Cockerill, Jonathan Ward, Paul Chandler, Dr Apollo Tutesigensi and Professor Stefanie Sheen, Alice Ambrose-Thurman, Clerk and COO: Guy Sampson, College of Canons ● Church of England: Vacant
<p>Monday 14th Monday of Holy Week</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chrism Eucharist in the Cathedral: ● That all may know, being baptised, they are called to minister. Vocations to ministry ● Audit and Risk Committee ● Diocese of Matlosane (Southern Africa) Rt Revd Stephen Diseko
<p>Tuesday 15th Tuesday of Holy Week</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cranmer Hall, Principal St John's College: Prof Jolyon Mitchell Warden: Revd Dr Nick Moore, Staff and students in training for ministry ● Sharon Pritchard: Foundational Training Enabler ● Diocese of Mauritius (Province of the Indian Ocean) Rt Rev Joseph Stenio Andre
<p>Wednesday 16th Wednesday of Holy Week</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Finance Group meeting ● Oxclose, Vicar: Revd Gavin Rushton, Curate: Revd Anita Burke, PM: Rob Cooper ● Diocese of Mbaise (Nigeria) Rt Revd Chamberlain Chinedu Ogunedo

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<p>Thursday 17th Maundy Thursday</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Royal Maundy Service taking place in the Cathedral ● The Diocesan Deliverance Ministry Team; Coordinator: Canon Michael Everitt ● Retired Clergy and the support they give in ministry in parishes ● Churchwardens, Readers and PCC's in churches that are in vacancy ● Diocese of Mbale (The Church of the Province of Uganda) Rt Revd Patrick Gidudu
<p>Friday 18th Good Friday</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 'Having disarmed and powers and authorities he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross' Colossians 2:15 ● Burnmoor St Barnabas; PiC: Revd Catherine Walton SSM Curate: Revd Emma Barker ● Lesotho Link: CEO's Lee Musson: Durham & Revd Dr Joseph Morenemmele: Lesotho. ● Diocese of North Mbale (Province of Uganda) Rt Revd Samuel Gidudu
<p>Saturday 19th Easter Eve</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Herrington St Aidan, Penshaw All Saints & Shiney Row St Oswald, PiC: Revd Catherine Walton, SSM Curate; Revd Emma Barker, Reader: Miss Dawn Cummings ● The Community of Hope hub in North Wearside ● Peace and restoration in the Middle East: Israel, Gaza and the West Bank ● Diocese of Mbamili (Nigeria) Rt Revd Uzochukwa Obiora
<p>Sunday 20th Easter Day</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hallelujah: Christ is Risen! ● Prison Chaplains, Holme House: Revd Kate Brooke, The Revd Andrei Petrine, Durham: Vacant, Frankland (High Security): Revd Rachel Farnham, Low Newton (Women): Vacant ● Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui: Most Revd Andrew Chan
<p>Monday 21st Monday of Easter Week</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hetton-Lyons with Eppleton St Michael and All Angels and St Nicholas, PiC Rev Tim Wall, SSM Associate Minister: Revd Hilary Avent, Curate: Revd Sarah Quinn ● Revd Dr Jennifer Cooper, Director Initial Ministerial Education (IME 2). ● Revd Alexander Jones; Growing Mission Strategic Lead ● Diocese of Mbeere (Anglican Church of Kenya) Rt Revd Moses Masamba Nthukah
<p>Tuesday 22nd Tuesday of Easter Week</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Washington Holy Trinity PiC: Revd Teresa Walton, Readers: Ms Olive Sangha, Mrs Dinah Gollan, PM's: Mrs Jenene Snowball, Mrs Elizabeth Slowther ● Vocations to ministry from Chester le Street and Houghton Deaneries ● Parish Giving Adviser: Revd Paul Child ● Diocese of Mbashe (Southern Africa) Rt Revd Mluleki Fikizolo
<p>Wednesday 23rd Wednesday of Easter Week</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lindisfarne College of Theology, Principal: Revd Dr Richard Briggs, staff and students training for ministry ● Durham Cathedral — Stewards, Porters, Joiners & Masons ● Mrs Catherine Simpson, Growing Faith Project Lead ● All who seek to relieve poverty. For foodbanks and volunteers who run them ● Diocese of Meath and Kildare (Ireland) Most Revd Patricia Louise Storey