



DIOCESE OF DURHAM

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Saturday 24 th Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, Teacher of the Faith, 1622 7th Day of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cathedral Musicians and Vergers, Daniel Cook, Master of Choristers. Sub-organist Joseph Beech, Head Verger: Rebekah Best Diocesan Secretary, James Morgan: all who work at Cuthbert House. Diocesan Retreat House, Shepherds Dene: Warden & staff Communities of Hope invest in low-income communities in ways that bring hope and transformation Diocese of Sunyani (West Africa) Rt Revd Festus Yeboah-Asuamah
Sunday 25 th Conversion of Paul 3rd Sunday of Epiphany Last Day of Week of Prayer: Christian Unity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prison Chaplains, Holme House: Revd Kate Brooke, The Revd Andrei Petrine, Durham: Paula Barber, Frankland (High Security): Revd Rachel Farnham, Low Newton (Women): Revd Rebecca Feeney Iglesia Anglicana de Chile; Most Revd Enrique Lago Zugadi
Monday 26 th Conversion of Paul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Force Chaplain Durham Police: Canon Adrian Gatrill Diocesan links: Nordkirche - Germany & Alba Iulia - Romania Diocese of Sur (Iglesia Anglicana de Chile) Most Revd Enrique Lago Zugadi
Tuesday 27 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DAC meeting, Chair: Nick Barker; Buildings for Mission Sec: Martin Howard Lesotho Link: CEO's Revd Dr Joseph Morenammele : Lee Musson: (Durham) Diocese of Del Sureste (La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico) Vacant
Wednesday 28 th Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1274	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wheatley Hill All Saints and Wingate Holy Trinity with Hutton Henry and Thornley, Haswell, St Paul and Shotton St Saviour in Plurality, SSM PiC: Revd Shaun Conlon SSM Assistant Priest: Revd Daniel Hudson, PM, Mrs Rachel Wilson, Hutton Henry CofE Primary School, HT Mrs Susan Gibbins Diocese of Swansea and Brecon (The Church in Wales) Rt Revd John Lomas
Thursday 29 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSM's & Revd Canon Dorothy M. Snowball Self-Supporting Ministry Adviser Northumbria Industrial Mission Chaplains, led by Fiona Usher Diocese of Sydney (Anglican Church of Australia) Most Revd Geoffrey Smith
Friday 30 th Charles, King and Martyr, 1649	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bishop's Council: Friday and Saturday Pennywell building a presence through Shop4All and Cafe4All Revd Alexander Jones; Growing Mission Strategic Lead Diocese of Tabora (Tanzania) Rt Revd Elias Chakupewa
Friday 31 st John Bosco, Priest, Founder of the Salesian Teaching Order, 1888	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Society of St Wilfred & St Hilda: Bp Stephen Race, Fr Paul Kennedy Licensed Lay Ministries—Warden: Ven Libby Wilkinson, Sub Wardens: Stephen Holmes, Dr Jocelyn Bryan, Mrs Connie Robinson, Mr Andrew Trigger and Mrs Lina Beck Te Pihopatanga o Te Tai Tokerau (Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia) Rt Revd Te Kitohi Wiremu Pikaahu



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Thursday 1st The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area Dean: Revd Kyle McNeil, Lay Chair: Stephen Pickering Revd Dr Jennifer Cooper, Director Initial Ministerial Education (IME 2). Industrial & Commercial interests particularly affecting the North East Diocese of Seychelles (Province Indian Ocean) Rt Revd Danny Elizabeth
Friday 2nd Basil the Great, Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishops, Teachers of the Faith, 379, 389 Seraphim, Monk of Sarov, Spiritual Guide, 1833 Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah, Bishop in South India, Evangelist, 1945	<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), (North Tees and Hartlepool), Revd Pat Bealing, Revd Gordon Tough (South Tyneside), Canon Colin Jay, Revd Debbie Baker, Revd Christine Britcliffe (Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys), An Increase in vocations to ministry in each Deanery in the Diocese Annwen Stone: Strategic lead for Growing Leadership Diocese of Sheffield (The Church of England) Rt Revd Pete Wilcox
Saturday 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the next Bishop of Durham Deanery Secretary: Vacant, Treasurer: Revd Paul Paterson Sharon Pritchard: Foundational Training Enabler Diocese of Shinyanga (Tanzania) Rt Revd Johnson Chinyong'ole
Sunday 4 th Second Sunday of Christmas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University Chaplains - Revd Julia Candy, Revd Peter Kashouris, Revd Gavin Wort, The Revd Dr Samuel Hole, Revd Fiona Hill, Revd Marie Edwards, Revd Katharine Eaton-Wells (Durham) Revd Chris Howson (Sunderland) Church of the Province of Central Africa: Most Revd Albert Chama
Monday 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blackhall St Andrew, Castle Eden and Monkhesleden and Horden St Mary in Plurality. PiC: Revd Kyle McNeil Pam Wilson Vocations development support officer Diocese of Upper Shire (Central Africa) Rt Revd William Mchombo
Tuesday 6 th The Epiphany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dalton le Dale St Andrew, Murton Holy Trinity and South Hetton Holy Trinity in plurality, Minister: Vacant, Mrs Carol Lines, Mrs Carol Maddison, Mrs Elizabeth Armes, Mrs Julie Harrison Diocesan Chancellor: Adrian Iles, Registrar: Phillip Wills Diocese of Shyira (Eglise Anglicane Rwanda) Rt Revd Samuel M Mugisha
Wednesday 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adviser in Pastoral Care, Counselling and Clergy Wellbeing: Simon Rose An Increase in vocations to ministry in each Deanery in the Diocese Your member of Parliament Diocese of Shyogwe (Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda) Rt Revd Jered Kalimba

Please send any prayer requests, particularly for Hartlepool Deanery for inclusion in February by January 11th to nick.barker99@btinternet.com marked PRAYER CYCLE
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Thursday 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ven Libby Wilkinson and the team of Diocesan Support Staff • Those working to reduce the effects of climate change • Diocese of Sialkot (Pakistan (United)) Rt Revd Alwin John Samuel
Friday 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hawthorn St Michael, Easington St Mary and Easington Colliery The Ascension in Plurality: Minister: Vacant , SSM Assistant Priest: Revd Paul Paterson. PM and Reader in Training: Robert Foster • Easington St Mary's Primary School, HT: Mr John Appleby • Diocese of Singapore (South East Asia) Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung Khiam Boon
Saturday 10 th William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Anthony's Priory - Revd Dr Nicholas Buxton, Ruth Grant, Laurence Pinkney, Scholastica Jacob, Sheila Shearer, Gavin Harper • Retired Clergy and the support they give in ministry in parishes • Diocese of Sittwe (Myanmar (Burma)) Rt Revd James Min Dein
Sunday 11 th The Baptism of Jesus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Bishops - Sarah, Assistant Bishops: John, David, Stephen, Rob & Frank • Iglesia Region Central de America: Most Revd David Alvarado Melgar
Monday 12 th Aelred of Hexham, Abbot of Rievaulx 1167, Benedict Biscop, Abbot of Wearmouth, Scholar, 689	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding Management Group • Diocesan Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Beth Miller & Support Officer: Wendy Hopkins • Cranmer Hall, Principal St John's College: Prof Jolyon Mitchell Warden: Revd Dr Nick Moore, Staff and students in training for ministry • Church wardens, PCC's and leaders in parishes in vacancy • Diocese of Sodor and Man (The Church of England) Rt Revd Patricia Hillas
Tuesday 13 th Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher of the Faith 367, Kentigern (Mungo) Missionary Bishop in Strathclyde and Cumbria, 603. George Fox, Founder of the Society of Friends (The Quakers) 1691	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bishop's Leadership Team • Dean & Chapter of Durham - Dean: Very Revd Dr Philip Plymington: Revd Canons Prof Simon Oliver, Charlie Allen, Michael Hampel, 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 • Revd James Shelton, Director of Cuthbert Centre for Prayer and Pilgrimage; Revd Dan Parkinson, Succentor. Revd Simon McMurtary, Chaplain to Durham Cathedral Schools' Foundation; • Diocese of Sokoto (The Church of Nigeria) Rt Revd Idris Ado Zubairu
Wednesday 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Seaham Christ Church: PiC; Revd Anita Burke, Readers: Mrs Elizabeth Armes, Mrs Carol Maddison • Victims of clerical sexual abuse • Diocese of Central Solomons (Melanesia) Rt Revd Stephen Koete
Thursday 15 th Bishop John Cosin 1672	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Catherine Simpson, Growing Faith Project Lead • Communities of Hope based out of Youll House, Thornley, and The Clarences • Diocese of Soroti (Province of Uganda) Rt Revd Kosea Odongo



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Friday 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diocesan Director of Education: David Akers, • For an increase in vocations in Easington Deanery • For the people of Ukraine and for President Zelensky • Diocese of Southwark (Church of England) Rt Revd Christopher Chessun
Saturday 17 th Antony of Egypt, Hermit, Abbot, 356 Charles Gore, Bishop, Founder of the Community of the Resurrection, 1932	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Giving Adviser: Revd Paul Child • The Community of Hope hub in North Wearside • Durham Cathedral — Stewards, Porters, Joiners & Masons • Those facing fuel poverty and worried about transport costs • Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham: Rt Revd Paul Gavin Williams
Sunday 18 th Second Sunday of Epiphany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Archdeacons: Rick Simpson (Auckland), Katherine Bagnall (Sunderland) and Libby Wilkinson (Durham) • Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo: Most Revd Georges Titre Ande
Monday 19 th Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095 2 nd day of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MU: President Miss Kathleen Wilson JP, Chaplain: Revd Norma Clee • The Diocesan Deliverance Ministry Team; • The criminal Justice system, Law courts and those facing trial at this time • Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain: Rt Revd Carlos Lopez-Lozano
Tuesday 20 th Richard Rolle of Hampole, Spiritual Writer 1349 3 rd Day of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peterlee St Cuthbert: Minister: vacant • Revd Joanne Thorns: Refugee and Asylum Project Co-ordinator • Amy Burns: Head of Programme Delivery for Diocesan Transformation. • Diocese of Spokane (The Episcopal Church): Rt Revd Gretchen Rehberg
Wednesday 21 st Agnes, Child Martyr at Rome, 304 4 th Day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seaham St Mary the Virgin and Dawdon, Seaham Harbour St John: Deneside All Saints: Vicar: Revd Canon Paul Kennedy, Reader in Training: Joseph Hobson • Ali Bianchi: Growing Church Strategic Lead • Diocese of Springfield (The Episcopal Church) Vacant
Thursday 22 nd Vincent of Saragossa, Deacon, First Martyr of Spain, 304, 5 th Day of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lindisfarne College of Theology, Principal: Revd Dr Richard Briggs, staff and students training for ministry • Head of Property and Facilities James Alderton: & the housing team. • The work of aid agencies throughout the world • Diocese of Port Sudan (Province: Sudan) Most Revd Ezekiel Kumir Kondo
Friday 23 rd 6 th Day of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revd Dr Chris Knights: Bishop's Chaplain, Jo Dowsett (Bishop's PA); Rachael Cleasby (Ass Sec); Jane Lintern (Admin Ass), Sarah Thompson (Bp Jarrow's PA) • Pray for peace in Israel, Gaza and the West Bank • Diocese of Sul Occidental (Brasil) Rt Revd Francisco De Assis Da Silva