

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, NORTHERN SYNOD; PRAYER DIARY FOR 2017

NB. LEP – Local Ecumenical Partnership; PCM – Presbyterian Church of Mozambique

JANUARY

- 1st January: Hospital Chaplains (Newcastle) Revd Liz Blair, Revd Dr Paul Dempster, Revd Nigel Goodfellow, Revd Max Shepherd (URC)
Northern Synod as we explore ***The Way Forward*** regarding the future mission and work of our congregations and as we address our needs for future ministry within Northern Synod
- 8th January: Redcar URC, Guisborough URC, St Andrew`s URC, Marton in Middlesbrough; Revd Catey Sreaton
- 15th January: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th – 25th); Synod Ecumenical Officer, Mr Andy Lie
Retired ministers in our synod, especially those who are active within the synod and beyond
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th – 25th), the theme being `Reconciliation – the love of Christ compels us`
- 22nd January: Holocaust Memorial Day (25th)
PCM, its Synod Officers, ministers and congregations
North East Churches Acting Together (NECAT); local Churches Together Groups
The new Bishop of Berwick, Rt Revd Mark Tanner.
- 29th January: Christ Church LEP (Methodist/URC), North Broomhill; Revd Linda Coulthard (Meth)
Synod Mission Enabler, Revd Jane Rowell

FEBRUARY

- 5th February: The on-going dialogue between the five northerly synods as we explore ways of working more together
Trinity LEP (Methodist/URC), Ashington; St Andrew`s & St Mark`s LEP (Methodist/URC), Newbiggin-by-the-Sea; Revd Jim Magee (Meth)
- 12th February: Synod Spring Retreat at Ampleforth Abbey from 14th – 16th
Oxclose LEP (Anglican/Methodist/URC), Washington, Waddington Street URC, Durham;
St Andrew`s Dawson Street, Crook LEP (Methodist/URC), Revd Ray Anglesea,
Revd Christopher Humble (Meth)
- 19th February: PCM, the four Presbyterian Societies: Men`s, Women`s, Youth and Activists Group (*young marrieds*) and for our own fund raising for PCM
Fair Trade Fortnight
Anglican Bishop of Newcastle Diocese, Rt Revd Christine Hardman
- 26th February: Bedlington, Elsdon Avenue LEP (Methodist/URC), Seaton Delaval; Blyth URC; Revd Greg Thompson
Women`s World Day of Prayer, Friday, 3rd March, when the theme is `Am I Being Unfair to You?` and material has been prepared by women of the Philippines

MARCH

- 5th March: Synod Meeting at West End URC on the 11th
Our Synod Moderator, Revd Dave Herbert; Synod Clerk, Mrs Melanie Campbell; Synod Treasurer, Revd Dr Tony Haws
for Lent which begins this week as we prepare for Easter
- 12th March: St Cuthbert`s Centre, Holy Island; its visitors and management team; Warden of the Centre, Revd Rachel Poolman
- 19th March: St George`s URC, High Heaton; St Cuthbert`s LEP (Methodist/URC), Heaton; Revd Dr Grant Wilson
Mothering Sunday on 26th and for mothers everywhere
- 26th March: PCM, its congregations in and around the capital, Maputo
Darlington Methodist Chair, Revd Ruth Gee

APRIL

- 2rd April: St Andrew`s URC, Blackhill; Bethel URC, Chester-le-Street; Christ Church URC, Stanley; Revd Elaine & Revd Gordon Brown as they retire this month
- 9th April: Our worship and activities during Holy Week and for our Easter Celebrations
- 16th April: St Mark`s URC, Amble; Revd Alison Mills
The work of Children & Youth Work Group and for its convenor, Mr Sandy Ogilvie and Synod Children`s Work Advisor, Mrs Hannah Middleton
- 23rd April: PCM, ministers in training at Ricatla Ecumenical Seminary
RC Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, Rt Revd Seamus Cunningham
- 30th April: Synod Lay Preaching Commissioner, Mrs Barbara Allen, and our resource of lay preachers across our synod

MAY

- 7th May: The work of Christian Aid and for generous giving during Christian Aid Week
- 14th May: Grindon Mission Project; Boldon URC; St Bede`s URC; Stockton Road URC; Roker URC; Sunderland; Revd Dr David Whiting, Mrs Helen Stephenson (Church Related Community Worker)
- 21st May: Mrs Geraldine Sands, our safeguarding officer shared with Yorkshire Synod
- 28th May: Trinity LEP (Methodist/URC), Gosforth; Revd Peter Holwell (Meth) and Ms Mary Bellshaw (Community Worker) who are part of the ministry team there
PCM, the churches in the Limpopo presbyteries in and around Gaza Province
Chair of Newcastle Methodist District, Revd Stephen Lindridge

JUNE

- 4th June: The proposed visit of members of PCM to our synod during this month and of some of our own folk to Mozambique thereafter that both trips will enrich both our visitors and us.
- 11th June: St Andrew`s & St George`s URC., Stockton; St Columba`s URC, Billingham; St Andrew`s Mission, Thornaby; St George`s URC, Hartlepool
- 18th June: The Synod Pilgrimage (19-23 June) in the Whitby area focussing on St Hilda
- 25th June: South East Northumberland Ecumenical Area (SENEA) (Methodist and URC), its president and officers.

JULY

- 2nd July: Northumbrian Industrial Mission
- 9th July: Synod Executive Committee and its convenor Revd Dave Herbert
- 16th July: St James`s URC, Alnwick; Warkworth URC; Revd Joan Grindrod-Helmn
the work of LMMR (Local Mission and Ministry Review)
- 23rd July: PCM, their office staff at Church House, Khovo, Maputo
- 30th July: The work of Pastoral Committee and its convenor, Revd Dr Grant Wilson
Bishop of Durham, Rt Revd Paul Butler

AUGUST

- 6th August: Ponteland URC; St John`s URC, Wideopen; Revd Joan Ross retiring in August
Staying Alive Youth Event at Seahouses
- 13th August: St George`s URC, Morpeth; Great Bavington URC; Widdrington URC; Revd Ron Forster retiring in August
- 20th August: St Aidan`s URC, Hexham; Horsley URC; West Denton URC; Revd John Paul retiring in August
- 27th August: RC Bishop of Middlesbrough, Rt Revd Terry Drainey

SEPTEMBER

- 3rd Sept: Synod Trust and for the work of its members, including the Trust Chair, Revd James Breslin and Trust Secretary, Dr Andrew Hamnett
- 10th Sept: St James`s URC, Newcastle; St Andrew`s URC, Kenton; Revd James Breslin
- 17th Sept: Longframlington URC; Rothbury URC; St Andrew`s URC, Glanton; Revd Ed Butlin
- 24th Sept: PCM, Lay training and evening classes at Khovo in Maputo
Northern Baptist Regional Minister, Revd John Clayton

OCTOBER

- 1st Oct: Synod meeting on the 7th October;
Moderator`s Secretary, Mrs Wendy Watson; Trust Officer, Mr Andrew Atkinson; Finance Officer, Mrs Helen Hogg; Ecumenical Officer, Mr Andy Lie
- 8th Oct: The work of Mission Committee and its convenor, Revd Meg Robb
- 15th Oct: Berwick URC; Crookham URC; Wooler URC.; Revd Mary Taylor; Erskine & St Cuthbert`s URC, Belford; North Sunderland URC
- 22nd Oct: West End URC; Jesmond URC; Robert Stewart Memorial URC, Newcastle; Revd Meg Robb; Ms Ann Honey (Church Related Community Worker)
- 29th Oct: PCM, their churches of the Central Presbytery and the Presbytery of the North. In these regions life can be very tough as resources are scarce
Bishop of Whitby, Rt Revd Paul Ferguson

NOVEMBER

- 5th Nov: For world-wide peace and acts of Remembrance this week
Zion URC, Northallerton; Northgate URC, Darlington; Keld URC; Low Row URC; Revd Hilary and Revd Stephen Collinson
- 12th Nov: St Paul & St John`s URC; St Margaret`s URC, South Shields; St Andrew`s URC, Hebburn; Revd Helen Drummond
- 19th Nov: St Andrew`s LEP (Methodist/URC) Benton; Revd Gavin Hume (Meth); The Church of the Good Shepherd LEP (Anglican/Methodist/URC), Battle Hill; Revd Julie Mooney (Anglican)
- 26th Nov: Advent as we prepare for Christmas
PCM and the work of Mozambique Council of Churches
Independent Churches Representative, Dr Mark Bonnington

DECEMBER

- 3rd Dec: The work of Ministries and Development Committee and its convenor, Revd Hilary Collinson; St Columba`s URC, North Shields; St Andrew`s URC, Monkseaton; Revd Dr Matthew Prevett
- 10th Dec: Stamfordham LEP (Methodist/URC), Revd Maureen Lloyd; Bellingham LEP (Methodist/URC); Falstone & Kielder LEP (Methodist/URC); Wark LEP (Methodist/URC); Deacon Anne Taylor (Meth)
- 17th Dec: St John the Evangelist LEP (Anglican/ Baptist/Methodist/URC), Kingston Park, Newcastle; Revd Roger Mills (Anglican)
- 24th Dec: Christmas Worship across the synod;
PCM, their retired ministers and those newly appointed to posts with PMC
Northern Divisional Salvation Army Divisional Commanders, Majors Denis and Olive Lomax
- 31st Dec: West End Refugee Service & The North of England Refugee Service