

# **THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, NORTHERN SYNOD**

## **PRAYER DIARY FOR 2018**

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

### **JANUARY**

- 7<sup>th</sup> January: Hospital Chaplains: Revd Liz Blair, Revd Nigel Goodfellow, Revd Max Shepherd 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
- 14<sup>th</sup> January: Redcar URC; Guisborough URC; St. Andrew's URC, Nunthorpe and Marton
- 21<sup>st</sup> January: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>) the theme being 'God's Glorious Deliverance from Oppression'; Synod Ecumenical Officer: Mr Andy Lie, retired ministers in our synod, especially those who are active within the synod and beyond  
Cromer Avenue URC and Denewell Avenue URC, Gateshead
- 28<sup>th</sup> January: Holocaust Memorial Day (27<sup>th</sup>); Homeless Sunday  
PCM, its Synod Officers, ministers and congregations  
North East Churches Acting Together (NECAT); local Churches Together Groups

### **FEBRUARY**

- 4<sup>th</sup> February: Christ Church LEP (Methodist/URC), North Broomhill; Revd Linda Coulthard (Methodist) Synod Mission Enabler, Revd Jane Rowell
- 11<sup>th</sup> February: Spring Synod Retreat at Shepherds Dene from 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>  
Trinity LEP (Methodist/URC), Ashington; St Andrew's & St Mark's LEP (Methodist/URC), Newbiggin-by-the-Sea; Revd Marie Attwood (Methodist)  
For Lent which begins this week as we prepare for Easter
- 18<sup>th</sup> February: Waddington Street URC, Durham; St Andrew's Dawson Street, Crook LEP (Methodist/URC); Revd Ray Anglesea; Revd Christopher Humble (Methodist)
- 25<sup>th</sup> 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: 26<sup>th</sup> Feb- 11<sup>th</sup> March; The Anglican Bishop of Newcastle Diocese, the Rt Revd Christine Hardman  
Women's World Day of Prayer, Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March when the theme is 'All God's Creation is Very Good' and material has been prepared by women of Suriname who focus on creation and our responsibility to care and look after it.

### **MARCH**

- 4<sup>th</sup> March: Tearfund Sunday  
Trinity LEP (Methodist/URC), Bedlington; Elsdon Avenue LEP (Methodist/URC); Seaton Delaval; Blyth URC; Revd Greg Thompson
- 11<sup>th</sup> March: Mothering Sunday – for mothers everywhere; Synod Meeting at Wideopen on 17<sup>th</sup>;  
Our Synod Moderator, Revd Dave Herbert; Synod Clerk, Mrs Melanie Campbell; Synod Treasurer, Revd Tony Haws
- 18<sup>th</sup> March: St Cuthbert's Centre, Holy Island; its visitors and management team; Warden of the Centre, Revd Rachel Poolman
- 25<sup>th</sup> March: Our worship and activities during Holy Week and for our Easter Celebrations

## **APRIL**

- 1<sup>st</sup> April: PCM, its congregations in and around the capital, Maputo  
Darlington Methodist Chair, Revd Ruth Gee
- 8<sup>th</sup> April: St Andrew's URC, Blackhill; Bethel URC, Chester-le-Street; Christ Church URC, Stanley
- 15<sup>th</sup> April: St George's URC, High Heaton; St Cuthbert's LEP (Methodist/URC), Heaton; Revd Dr Grant Wilson
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April: St Mark's URC, Amble; Revd Alison Mills  
The work of Children & Youth Work Committee and for its convenor, Mr Sandy Ogilvie and Synod Children's Work Advisor, Mrs Hannah Middleton
- 29<sup>th</sup> April: PCM, ministers in training at Ricatla Ecumenical Seminary  
The RC Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, the Rt Revd Seamus Cunningham

## **MAY**

- 6<sup>th</sup> May: Synod Lay Preaching Commissioner, Mrs Barbara Allen, and our resource of lay preachers across our synod
- 13<sup>th</sup> May: The work of Christian Aid and for generous giving during Christian Aid Week 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>
- 20<sup>th</sup> May: Grindon Mission Project; Boldon URC; St Bede URC; Stockton Road URC; Roker URC; Sunderland; Revd Dr David Whiting
- 27<sup>th</sup> May: Mrs Geraldine Sands, our safeguarding officer shared with Yorkshire Synod

## **JUNE**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> June: Environment Sunday  
Trinity LEP (Methodist/URC), Gosforth; Revd Peter Holwell (Methodist) and Ms Mary Bellshaw (Community Worker) who are part of the ministry team there  
Chair of Newcastle Methodist District, Revd Stephen Lindridge
- 10<sup>th</sup> June: PCM, the churches in the Limpopo presbyteries in and around Gaza Province  
The Anglican Bishop of Berwick, the Rt Revd Mark Tanner
- 17<sup>th</sup> June: Refugee Week (England and Wales) 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> June
- 24<sup>th</sup> June: Stockton URC; St Columba's URC, Billingham; St Andrew's Mission, Thornaby; St George's URC, Hartlepool

## **JULY**

- 1<sup>st</sup> July: South East Northumberland Ecumenical Area (SENEA) (Methodist and URC), its president and officers
- 8<sup>th</sup> July: Northumbrian Industrial Mission and Mrs Fiona Usher, Chaplain Team Leader
- 15<sup>th</sup> July: The work of Synod Executive Committee
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July: Synod Pilgrimage – Borders Abbeys Way Walk 22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> July  
St James's URC, Alnwick; Warkworth URC; Revd Joan Grindrod-Helmn  
The work of LMMR (Local Mission and Ministry Review)
- 29<sup>th</sup> July: PCM, their office staff at Church House, Khovo, Maputo  
The Anglican Bishop of Jarrow, the Rt Revd Mark Bryant

## **AUGUST**

- 5<sup>th</sup> August: The work of Pastoral Committee and its convenor, Revd Dr Grant Wilson  
The Anglican Bishop of Durham, the Rt Revd Paul Butler
- 12<sup>th</sup> August: Ponteland URC; St John's URC, Wideopen
- 19<sup>th</sup> August: St George's URC, Morpeth; Great Bavington URC; Widdrington URC
- 26<sup>th</sup> August: St Aidan's URC, Hexham; Horsley URC; West Denton URC

## SEPTEMBER

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept: The RC Bishop of Middlesbrough, the Rt Revd Terry Draine  
9<sup>th</sup> Sept: The work of the URC (Northern Province Trust Ltd) and convenor, Revd David Grosch-Miller and Secretary Dr Andrew Hamnett  
16<sup>th</sup> Sept: St James`s URC, Newcastle; St Andrew`s URC, Kenton; Revd James Breslin  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sept: Longframlington URC; Rothbury URC; St Andrew`s URC, Glanton; Revd Ed Butlin  
30<sup>th</sup> Sept: PCM, Lay training and evening classes at Khovo in Maputo  
Northern Baptist Regional Minister, Revd Dr John Claydon

## OCTOBER

- 7<sup>th</sup> Oct: Synod meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> October;  
Moderator`s Secretary, Mrs Wendy Watson; Trust Officer, Mr Andrew Atkinson; Finance Officer, Mrs Helen Hogg; Ecumenical Officer, Mr Andy Lie  
14<sup>th</sup> Oct: Prisons Week (England and Wales) 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> October  
The work of Mission Committee and its convenor, Revd Meg Robb  
21<sup>st</sup> Oct: Berwick URC; Crookham URC; Revd Mary Taylor; Wooler URC; Erskine & St Cuthbert`s URC, Belford and North Sunderland URC  
28<sup>th</sup> Oct: West End URC; Jesmond URC; Robert Stewart Memorial URC, Newcastle; Revd Meg Robb; Ms Ann Honey (Church Related Community Work Minister)

## NOVEMBER

- 4<sup>th</sup> Nov: 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  
The Anglican Bishop of Whitby, the Rt Revd Paul Ferguson  
11<sup>th</sup> 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  
18<sup>th</sup> Nov: International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians  
St Paul & St John`s URC; St Margaret`s URC, South Shields; St Andrew`s URC, Hebburn; Revd Helen Drummond  
25<sup>th</sup> Nov: St Andrew`s LEP (Methodist/URC), Benton; Revd Gavin Hume (Methodist); The Church of the Good Shepherd LEP (Anglican/Methodist/URC), Battle Hill; Revd Julie Mooney (Anglican)

## DECEMBER

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec: Advent as we prepare for Christmas  
PCM and the work of Mozambique Council of Churches  
Independent Churches Representative, Dr Mark Bonnington  
9<sup>th</sup> 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; Human Rights Day (10<sup>th</sup>)  
16<sup>th</sup> Dec: Stamfordham LEP (Methodist/URC), Revd Harold Stuteley (Methodist); Bellingham LEP (Methodist/URC); Falstone & Kielder URC; Wark LEP (Methodist/URC); Deacon Anne Taylor (Methodist)  
23<sup>rd</sup> Dec: St. John the Evangelist LEP (Anglican/Baptist/Methodist/URC), Kingston Park, Newcastle  
Christmas Worship across the synod;  
30<sup>th</sup> Dec: PCM, their retired ministers and those newly appointed to posts with PCM  
Northern Divisional Salvation Army Commanders, Majors Denis and Olive Lomax