



The
**United
Reformed
Church**
**Northern
Synod**



*Prayer
Diary 2025*



January

5 New Year, fresh possibilities. Holding our pastorate on the vacancy list, Cleveland Pastorate; Redcar, Guisborough, St Andrew's Nunthorpe and Marton, St Columba's Billingham, St George's Hartlepool, St Andrew's Mission Thornaby, St Andrew & St George Stockton, IM Mrs Maranny Jones. In Redcar, holding the growing partnership with Station Road Baptist Church, Revd Mark Hubbard. Grateful for the support of Revd Dr Sue Walker.

12 SCM Holy Island Revd Kay Blackwell, for the work at the St Cuthbert's Centre alongside the Management Group.

We pray for the URC 'Conversations at the Crossroads Conference'

19 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, to include the work of North East Churches Acting Together (NECAT), Coryn Stehouwer. Ecumenical colleagues, Methodist District Chairs Revd Jona Sewell and Revd Richard Andrew. Newcastle, Rt Revd Dr Helen-Ann Hartley; Berwick, Rt Revd Mark Wroe; Jarrow, Rt Revd Sarah Clark; Whitby, Rt Revd Barry Hill. Salvation Army, North East Division Majors David and Gillian Burns. Roman Catholic Bishops of Middlesborough, Rt Revd Terry Draine; Hexham and Newcastle, Rt Revd Stephen Wright.

Our hope for a new Ecumenical Officer.

26 National Bible Sunday. We remember the community once at Christ Church Stanley and pray they have found a home.

February

2 Assembly Executive.

Remembering Churches; Wooler, St James's Alnwick, St Mark's Amble, St Andrew's Glanton, Longframlington, and Rothbury. Ministers Revd Ed Butlin, Revd Alison Mills and Fliss Barker CRCW.

9 Racial Justice Sunday. Our Advocate Pat Poinen.

16 Trinity Ashington LEP, St Andrew's Monkseaton; Minister Revd Louise Sanders.

23 The Trust, all members, its various sub-committees, Convenor Revd Alan McGougan. The work of The North East District Council.

March

2 Church Action on Poverty.

Trinity Bedlington LEP, St Andrew's and St Mark's Newbiggin LEP, Seaton Delaval LEP; Minister Revd Alan McGougan.

9 Preparation for the Synod Meeting (15th). Moderator Revd Kim Plumpton, Synod Clerk Revd Dr Trevor Jamison. Staff Team Andrew Atkinson, Lisa McAvoy, Wendy Watson, Gordon Wanless, Helen Hogg and Ragen Ashworth.
URC Youth Assembly.

16 Widdrington, St George's Morpeth, Great Bavington; Minister Revd Julian Sanders.

23 Our work with Northerly Synods; Moderators Jamie Kissack, Lindsey Sanderson, Geoff Felton, Clare Downing.

30 St Aidan's Hexham; Local Church Leader Linda Gowland.

April

6 The work of Revd David Haslam Forces Chaplain RAF Boulmer. North East Industrial Mission (NIM) Fiona Usher.

13 Pastoral Committee, all members and Convenor Revd Kate Hackett.

20 Easter Sunday.

World Earth Day (22nd) Giving thanks for Green Apostles; Revd Alex Mabbs and Charles Jolly.

27 Giving thanks for all retired ministers and those recently retired; Revd Joan Grindrod - Helmn, Alison Dalton CRCW. For those who will be retiring this year; Revd Dr Trevor Jamison and Revd Liz Jewitt.

May

4 Synod on Tour (10th) St James's Newcastle.

11 Christian Aid Week. Pray for all working on our behalf across the world. Commitment for Life.

18 St John's Wideopen, St George's High Heaton and Stamfordham as they explore a partnership. Giving thanks for Revd Colin Barrick. Superintendent Revd Tim Woolley.

25 Children's, Youth and Families Committee. Convenor Revd Julian Sanders, Field Workers Hannah Middleton, John Stephenson. Youth Pioneers Angela Feather, Tony Harbottle-Noppen and Irene Frith. Synod on Tour (31st) Hartlepool.

June

- 1** World Environment Day (5th June). Climate Change and our response to it.
- 8** Horsley, Bellingham, Wark; Minister Revd Roberta Ritson. Superintendent Revd Marie Beard.
- 15** Refugee Week (15th-21st) pray for all those seeking safety and security. Disability Awareness Week (17th-23rd). Synod on Tour (21st) at Hexham.
- 22** Trinity Gosforth, Minister Revd Alex Mabbs, Deacon Revd Jill Henderson. Superintendent Alison Wilkinson.
- 29** Synod Executive. Convenors of all sub committees.

July

- 6** General Assembly. Pray for the preparation needed, for open hearts, wise minds and fruitful discussions. Moderator Revd Paul Meadows. Church House staff.
- 13** Church St John's the Evangelist, Kingston Park, Deacon Revd Jill Henderson and the four ways ecumenical partnership.
- 20** Giving thanks for all Church Secretaries, Elders, Stewards, Trustees in the church.
- 27** Churches; St Andrew's Kenton, St James's Newcastle, Jesmond, West End; Minister Revd Ryan Sirmons.

August

- 3** Mission Projects; Redcar Missional House overseen by Revd Dr Sue Walker. Grindon Community Church, John and Katie Whiteoak. The work at the Keld Centre and Chair of the Management Group.
- 10** Church; St Andrew's Benton, Revd Helen White.
- 17** Safeguarding Officers; Matt Knowles, Helen Berg, Carrie Kaunda, Admin Support Paula Kitson.
- 24** Work of CRCWs Ann Honey and Fliss Barker.
- 31** Church of the Good Shepherd, Battle Hill, served by Revd Julie Mooney

September

7 Mission and Discipleship Committee, all its members and Convenor Revd Sally Bateman.

14 Church; Robert Stewart Memorial. Church; St Cuthbert's LEP Heaton and their Minister Revd Paul Cleever-Thorpe.

21 International Day of Peace. Fairtrade Fortnight (22nd -5th Oct), giving thanks for all those who work towards equity and fair pay for all.

28 Church; St Columba's North Shields, Minister Revd Dr Trevor Jamison.

October

5 Preparation for Synod Meeting (11th Oct). World Homeless Day (10th Oct).

12 Waddington Street Durham, Bethel Chester-le-Street, Cromer Avenue Low Fell and Denewell Avenue Gateshead; Minister Revd Marcus Hargis. St Andrew's Dawson Street Crook LEP; Ministers Revd Christopher Humble and Revd Marcus Hargis.

19 Praying for all those who give selflessly to the church ie. flower arrangers, coffee makers and so many more.

26 One World Week. Reformation Sunday.

November

2 International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians.

9 Remembrance Sunday.

16 Churches; St Margaret's South Shields, Roker and Stockton Road; Minister Revd Jane Rowell.

23 Giving thanks for Local and Lay Preachers. Lay Preaching Advocate Dr Ann Sinclair.

30 Presbyterian Church of Mozambique.

December

7 Lucy Cooke, Learning and Development Officer.

14 Churches; Northgate Darlington, Zion Northallerton, Low Row with Keld; Minister Revd Nadene Snyman.

21 For grateful thanks to all those who work hard offering the additional services over the Christmas period.

25 Christmas Day.

28 Looking to 2026 with a renewed sense of hope and peace.

Psalm 145^[a]

A psalm of praise. Of David.

¹I will exalt you, my God the King;

I will praise your name for ever and ever.

²Every day I will praise you

and extol your name for ever and ever.

³Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;

his greatness no one can fathom.

⁴One generation commends your works to another;

they tell of your mighty acts.

⁵They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—

and I will meditate on your wonderful works.^[b]

⁶They tell of the power of your awesome works—

and I will proclaim your great deeds.

⁷They celebrate your abundant goodness

and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

⁸The LORD is gracious and compassionate,

slow to anger and rich in love.

⁹The LORD is good to all;

he has compassion on all he has made.

¹⁰All your works praise you, LORD;

your faithful people extol you.

¹¹They tell of the glory of your kingdom

and speak of your might,

¹²so that all people may know of your mighty acts

and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

and your dominion endures through all generations.

The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises

and faithful in all he does.^[c]

¹⁴The LORD upholds all who fall

and lifts up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵The eyes of all look to you,

and you give them their food at the proper time.

¹⁶You open your hand

and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

- ¹⁷The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and faithful in all he does.
- ¹⁸The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.
- ¹⁹He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them.
- ²⁰The LORD watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.
- ²¹My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.
Let every creature praise his holy name
for ever and ever