



Northern Synod Prayer Diary 2020

JANUARY

- 5 January: Hospital Chaplain: Revd Nigel Goodfellow, and all in hospital chaplaincy 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
- 12 January: Redcar URC; Guisborough URC; St Andrew's URC, Nunthorpe and Marton; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18 – 25 January) the theme being 'Unusual Kindness'
- 19 January: Synod Ecumenical & Inter-Faith Officer: Mr Andy Lie
Retired ministers in our synod, especially those who are active within the synod and beyond
- 26 January: Holocaust Memorial Day (27 January)
PCM, its Synod Officers, ministers and congregations
North East Churches Acting Together (NECAT) and NECAT Regional Officer Revd Joanne Thorns; local Churches Together Groups

FEBRUARY

- 2 February: Christ Church LEP (Methodist/URC), North Broomhill; Revd Lynda Coulthard (Methodist)
Synod Mission Enabler, Revd Jane Rowell
- 9 February: Racial Justice Sunday; Trinity LEP (Methodist/URC), Ashington; St Andrew's & St Mark's LEP (Methodist/URC), Newbiggin-by-the-Sea; Revd Marie Attwood (Methodist)
- 16 February: St Andrew's Dawson Street, Crook LEP (Methodist/URC); Revd Ray Anglesea; Revd Christopher Humble (Methodist)
- 23 February: Church Action on Poverty Sunday. February 29th: Synod's 'Thinking Day'.
PCM, the four Presbyterian Societies: Men's, Women's, Youth and Activists Group (young marrieds) and for our own fund raising for PCM
Fairtrade Fortnight: (24 February - 8 March)
The Anglican Bishop of Newcastle Diocese, the Rt Revd Christine Hardman

MARCH

- 1 March: Trinity LEP (Methodist/URC), Bedlington; Elsdon Avenue LEP (Methodist/URC), Seaton Delaval; Blyth URC;
World Day of Prayer (6 March), theme 'Rise! Take your mat and walk'
- 8 March: Synod Meeting at Roker URC, Sunderland (14 March)
Our Synod Moderator, Revd Dave Herbert; Synod Clerk, Mrs Melanie Campbell; Synod Treasurer, Mr Gordon Wanless; Spring Synod Retreat at Shepherd's Dene Riding Mill (10-12 March)
- 15 March: St Cuthbert's Centre, Holy Island; Revd Rachel Poolman (Warden)
- 22 March: Waddington Street URC Durham; Bethel URC, Chester-le-Street; Christ Church URC, Stanley; Denewell Avenue and Cromer Avenue URC's, Gateshead; Revd Marcus Hargis
- 29 March: Mothering Sunday
PCM, its congregations in and around the capital, Maputo
Chair of the Darlington Methodist District, Revd Richard Andrew

APRIL

- 5 April: St George's URC, High Heaton; St Cuthbert's LEP (Methodist/URC), Heaton; Revd Dr Grant Wilson
- 12 April: St Mark's URC, Amble; Revd Alison Mills; Higher Education Chaplaincies: Revd Drs Grant Wilson and Matthew Prevett
- 19 April: The work of Children's & Youth Work Committee and Convenor, Mr Sandy Ogilvie and Synod Children's Work Advisor, Mrs Hannah Middleton, and Synod Youth Advisor, Mr John Stephenson
- 26 April: PCM, ministers in training at Ricatla Ecumenical Seminary.
The RC Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, the Rt Revd Robert Byrne

MAY

- 3 May: Synod Lay Preaching Commissioner, Dr Ann Sinclair, and our resource of lay preachers across our Synod
- 10 May: 'Re:Imagine' – Northern Synod gathering at Kingston Park's Novotel 15-16 May – a 24hr residential conference re-imagining Church
The work of Christian Aid and for generous giving during Christian Aid Week (10-16 May), and our partners through *Commitment for Life*
- 17 May: Grindon Mission Project; Boldon URC; St Bede URC, Sunderland; Stockton Road URC, Sunderland; Roker URC; Revd Dr David Whiting
- 24 May: Mr Matt Knowles, our Synod's Safeguarding Advisor shared with Yorkshire Synod
- 31 May: Those training for the ministry from Northern Synod: Felicity Tunnard, Lisa Wilson, Louise Sanders and Roberta Ritson

JUNE

- 7 June: Environment Sunday
Green Apostle Revd Trevor Jamison
Trinity LEP (Methodist/URC), Gosforth; Revd Peter Holwell (Methodist) and Chair of the Newcastle Methodist District, Revd Stephen Lindridge
- 14 June: PCM, the churches in the Limpopo presbyteries in and around Gaza Province
The Anglican Bishop of Berwick, the Rt Revd Mark Tanner. Refugee Week 15-21 June.
- 21 June: Revd David Haslam, Chaplain, RAF Boulmer; all military chaplains. Congregations closing and visions of new beginnings
- 28 June: St Columba's URC, Billingham; Ms Ann Honey (Church Related Community Work Minister); Stockton URC; St Andrew's Mission, Thornaby; St George's URC, Hartlepool; Revd Sue Fender

JULY

- 5 July: South East Northumberland Ecumenical Area (SENEA) (Methodist and URC) and President, Revd Marie Attwood
- 12 July: Northumbrian Industrial Mission and Mrs Fiona Usher, Chaplain Team Leader
- 19 July: The work of Synod Executive Committee
- 26 July: St James's URC, Alnwick; Warkworth URC; Revd Joan Grindrod-Helmn
The work of LMMR (Local Mission and Ministry Review)

AUGUST

- 2 August: Synod Pilgrimage 2-8 August: St Bega's Way
PCM, their office staff at Church House, Khovo, Maputo.
The Anglican Bishop of Jarrow, the Rt Revd Sarah Clark
- 9 August: The work of Pastoral Committee and Convenor, Revd Stephen Collinson
The Anglican Bishop of Durham, the Rt Revd Paul Butler
- 16 August: Ponteland URC; St John's URC, Wideopen; St Aidan's URC, Hexham; Horsley URC
- 23 August: St George's URC, Morpeth; Great Bavington URC; Widdrington URC
Revd Julian Sanders

30 August: The RC Bishop of Middlesbrough, the Rt Revd Terry Drainey

SEPTEMBER

6 Sept: The work of the URC (Northern Province Trust Ltd) and Convenor, Revd David Grosch-Miller and Secretary, Dr Andrew Hamnett

13 Sept: Education Sunday. St James's URC, Newcastle; St Andrew's URC, Kenton; Jesmond URC, West End URC

20 Sept: Longframlington URC; Rothbury URC; St Andrew's URC, Glanton; Revd Ed Butlin

27 Sept: Peacemaking Sunday; PCM, Lay training and evening classes at Khovo in Maputo Northern Baptist Regional Minister, Revd Dr John Claydon

OCTOBER

4 Oct: Preparations for October Synod Meeting (17 October)
Moderator's Secretary, Mrs Wendy Watson; Trust Officer, Mr Andrew Atkinson;
Finance Officer, Mrs Helen Hogg

11 Oct: Homeless Sunday and Prisons Week (11-17 Oct)
United Church of Christ New York Conference, and Conference Minister Revd David Gaewski

18 Oct: Freedom Sunday
The work of Mission Committee and Convenor, Revd Dr Grant Wilson; North East England Divisional Salvation Army Commanders, Majors David and Gillian Burns

25 Oct: Berwick URC; Crookham URC; Revd Mary Taylor; Wooler URC; PCM, their retired ministers and those newly appointed to posts with PCM

NOVEMBER

1 Nov: West Denton URC Newcastle; Robert Stewart Memorial URC, Newcastle

8 Nov: PCM, their churches of the Central Presbytery and the Presbytery of the North
The Anglican Bishop of Whitby, the Rt Revd Paul Ferguson

15 Nov: Remembrance Sunday
Zion URC, Northallerton; Northgate URC, Darlington; Keld and Low Row URC;
Revds Stephen and Hilary Collinson

22 Nov: International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians and Women Against Violence Sunday
St Paul & St John's URC, South Shields; St Margaret's URC, South Shields; St Andrew's URC, Hebburn; Revd Helen Drummond

29 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

6 Dec: World AIDS Day; PCM and the work of Mozambique Council of Churches Independent Churches Representative, Dr Mark Bonnington; Human Rights Day (10 December)

13 Dec: The Ministries and Development Committee and Convenor, Revd Ron Forster
St Columba's URC, North Shields; Revd Trevor Jamison; St Andrew's URC, Monkseaton

20 Dec: Stamfordham LEP (Methodist/URC); Revds Jona Sewell and Colin Barrick (Methodist); Bellingham LEP (Methodist/URC); Falstone with Kielder URC; Wark LEP (Methodist/URC); Deacon Anne Taylor (Methodist)

27 Dec: St John the Evangelist LEP (Anglican/Baptist/Methodist/URC), Kingston Park;
Revd Adele Moorhouse (Methodist)

(LEP = Local Ecumenical Partnership; PCM = Presbyterian Church of Mozambique)