



Northern

Synod **Prayer**

**Diary 2021**

## **JANUARY**

- 3 January: Hospital Chaplains: all in hospital chaplaincy. Frontline staff still coping with huge influx of patients with Covid and other critical conditions; pray for the successful roll-out of anti-Covid vaccine for those who in immediate need  
Northern Synod as we explore *The Way Forward* regarding the future mission and work of our congregations and as we continue to explore future patterns of ministry
- 10 January: Redcar URC and the development of a proposal regarding a residential missional community house; Guisborough URC; St Andrew's URC, Nunthorpe and Marton; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18 – 25 January) the theme being 'Abiding in Christ'
- 17 January: Synod Ecumenical and Inter-faith Officer: Mr Andy Lie, praying especially for the future of ecumenical collaboration and provision of ministry in an age of diminishing resources, for our local ecumenical partnerships, and for churches together groups in various localities to continue to flourish.  
Retired ministers in our synod, especially those who are active within the synod and beyond
- 24 January: Holocaust Memorial Day (27 January)  
Presbyterian Church of Mozambique (PCM): its Synod Officers, ministers and congregations  
North East Churches Acting Together (NECAT) and NECAT Regional Officer Revd Joanne Thorns; local Churches Together Groups. The URC's Youth Assembly scheduled to meet/connect 29-31 January.
- 31 January: Christ Church LEP (Methodist/URC), North Broomhill; Revd Lynda Coulthard (Methodist).  
Synod Mission Enabler, Revd Jane Rowell. The Five Northerly Synods' Listening & Reconciliation service, co-ordinated by Mel Campbell.

## **FEBRUARY**

- 7 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). Synod's Spring Retreat at Ampleforth Abbey (Feb 9-11th), and whether it can happen.
- 14 February: St Andrew's Dawson Street, Crook LEP (Methodist/URC); Revd Christopher Humble (Methodist). School half-term: to pray for meaningful activities for all concerned, including those having to pay for extra childcare costs.
- 21 February: Church Action on Poverty Sunday.  
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: (22 February - 7 March)  
The Anglican Bishop of Newcastle Diocese, the Rt Revd Christine Hardman
- 28 February: Trinity LEP (Methodist/URC), Bedlington; Elsdon Avenue LEP (Methodist/URC), Seaton Delaval; Blyth URC;  
World Day of Prayer (5 March)

## **MARCH**

- 7 March: Synod Meeting online (13 March)  
Our Synod Moderator, Revd Dave Herbert; Synod Clerk, Mel Campbell, Mel's work in both Northern Synod and with the Five Northerly Synods as we continue to explore being better equipped for mission through the co-ordination and the sharing of resources; Synod Treasurer, Mr Gordon Wanless;
- 14 March: Mothering Sunday  
St Cuthbert's Centre, Holy Island; Revd Rachel Poolman (Warden). Mission Council

scheduled to meet 15-17<sup>th</sup> March.

21 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

28 March: Palm Sunday  
PCM, its congregations in and around the capital, Maputo  
Chair of the Darlington Methodist District, Revd Richard Andrew

## **APRIL**

4 April: Easter Sunday  
St George's URC, High Heaton; St Cuthbert's LEP (Methodist/URC), Heaton;  
Revd Dr Grant Wilson

11 April: St Mark's URC, Amble; Revd Alison Mills; Higher Education Chaplaincies: Revd Drs Grant Wilson and Matthew Prevett

18 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

25 April: PCM, ministers in training at Ricatla Ecumenical Seminary.  
The RC Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, the Rt Revd Robert Byrne

## **MAY**

2 May: Synod Lay Preaching Commissioner, Dr Ann Sinclair, and our resource of lay preachers across our Synod

The work of Christian Aid and those congregations supporting Christian Aid partners through Commitment for Life in Bangladesh, South America, Israel and The Occupied Palestinian Territories, and for generous giving during Christian Aid Week (9-15 May)

16 May: Grindon Mission Project; Boldon URC; Stockton Road URC, Sunderland; Roker URC; Revd Dr David Whiting; CRCW Alison Dalton.

23 May: Mr Matt Knowles, our Synod's Safeguarding Advisor shared with Yorkshire Synod

30 May: Those training for the ministry from Northern Synod: Felicity Tunnard, Lisa Wilson, Louise Sanders and Roberta Ritson

## **JUNE**

6 June: Trinity LEP (Methodist/URC), Gosforth; Revd Peter Holwell (Methodist) retiring this summer; and Chair of the Newcastle Methodist District, Revd Stephen Lindridge

13 June: PCM, the churches in the Limpopo presbyteries in and around Gaza Province  
The Anglican Suffragan Bishop of Berwick, the Rt Revd Mark Wroe. Refugee Week 15-21 June.

20 June: Revd David Haslam, Chaplain, RAF Boulmer; all military chaplains. Congregations that have closed in the last year, and visions of new beginnings

27 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**

4 July: South East Northumberland Ecumenical Area (SENEA) (Methodist and URC) and President, Revd Marie Attwood. URC General Assembly meets, 9-12<sup>th</sup> July. We pray for Moderators of General Assembly, their chaplains, the Clerks to the Assembly, all Assembly Officers, and all who gather and contribute.

11 July: Northumbrian Industrial Mission and Mrs Fiona Usher, Chaplain Team Leader

18 July: The work of Synod Executive Committee

25 July: St James's URC, Alnwick; Warkworth URC; Revd Joan Grindrod-Helmn  
The work of LMMR (Local Mission and Ministry Review)

## **AUGUST**

- 1 August: PCM, their office staff at Church House, Khovo, Maputo.  
The Anglican Bishop of Jarrow, the Rt Revd Sarah Clark
- 8 August: The work of Pastoral Committee and Convenor, Revd Joan Grindrod-Helmn; The Anglican Bishop of Durham, the Rt Revd Paul Butler
- 15 August: Ponteland URC; St John's URC, Wideopen; St Aidan's URC, Hexham; Horsley URC
- 22 August: St George's URC, Morpeth; Great Bavington URC; Widdrington URC,  
Revd Julian Sanders
- 29 August: The RC Bishop of Middlesbrough, the Rt Revd Terry Draine

## **SEPTEMBER**

- 5 Sept: Climate Sunday  
Green Apostle Revd Trevor Jamison and the congregation he serves – St Columba's North Shields  
The work of the URC (Northern Province Trust Ltd) and Convenor, Revd David Grosch-Miller, and Trust Secretary Mr Willie Duncan
- 12 Sept: Education Sunday. St James's URC, Newcastle; St Andrew's URC, Kenton; Jesmond URC, West End URC
- 19 Sept: Longframlington URC; Rothbury URC; St Andrew's URC, Glanton; Revd Ed Butlin
- 26 Sept: Peacemaking Sunday; PCM, Lay training and evening classes at Khovo in Maputo  
Northern Baptist Regional Minister, Revd Dr John Claydon

## **OCTOBER**

- 3 Oct: Preparations for October Synod Meeting (16 October)  
Moderator's Secretary, Mrs Wendy Watson; Trust Officer, Mr Andrew Atkinson; Finance Officer, Mrs Helen Hogg
- 10 Oct: Homeless Sunday and Prisons Week (10-16 Oct)  
United Church of Christ New York Conference, and Conference Minister Revd David Gaewski
- 17 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
- 24 Oct: Revd Mary Taylor; Wooler URC; PCM, their retired ministers and those newly appointed to posts with PCM
- 31 Oct: West Denton URC Newcastle; Robert Stewart Memorial URC, Newcastle

## **NOVEMBER**

- 7 Nov: PCM, their churches of the Central Presbytery and the Presbytery of the North  
The Anglican Bishop of Whitby, the Rt Revd Paul Ferguson. International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians
- 14 Nov: Remembrance Sunday  
Zion URC, Northallerton; Northgate URC, Darlington; Keld and Low Row URC
- 21 Nov: 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
- 28 Nov: World Aids Day Dec 1  
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**

- 5 Dec: PCM and the work of Mozambique Council of Churches; Independent Churches Representative in the NE, Dr Mark Bonnington; Human Rights Day (10 December)

12 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

19 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)

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

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