



Northern

Synod Prayer

Diary 2022

JANUARY

2 JANUARY: For all churches in Northern Synod as we start a New Year. We pray for the whole synod as we continue to explore future patterns of ministry.

9 JANUARY: Redcar URC and the development of a proposal regarding a residential missional community house; Guisborough URC; St Andrew's URC, Nunthorpe and Marton.

16 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. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18 – 25 January) the theme being 'We saw His Star in the East; North East Churches Acting Together (NECAT) and NECAT Regional Officer; Revd Joanne Thorns; Local Churches Together Groups.

23 JANUARY: Holocaust Memorial Day (27 January); Presbyterian Church of Mozambique (PCM): its Synod Officers, ministers and congregations; The URC's Youth Assembly scheduled to meet/connect 28-30 January.

30 JANUARY: Revd Lynda Coulthard (Methodist); Synod Mission Enabler, Revd Jane Rowell. The Five Northerly Synods' Mission group and for the Leading your Church into Growth conference in York.

FEBRUARY

6 FEBRUARY: Trinity LEP (Methodist/URC), Ashington; St Andrew's & St Mark's LEP (Methodist/URC), Newbiggin-by-the-Sea; Revd Marie Attwood (Methodist). Retired ministers in our synod, especially those who are active within the synod.

13 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.

20 FEBRUARY: PCM, the four Presbyterian Societies: Men's, Women's, Youth and Activists Group (young marrieds) and for our own fund raising for PCM.

27 FEBRUARY: Fairtrade Fortnight: (28 February - 6 March); Church Action on Poverty Sunday. Trinity LEP (Methodist/URC), Bedlington; Elsdon Avenue LEP (Methodist/URC), Seaton Delaval; Blyth URC; Seghill Methodist Church; Revd Alan McGougan (URC); World Day of Prayer (4 March).

MARCH

6 MARCH: Our Synod Moderator, Revd Dave Herbert; Synod Clerk, Mel Campbell, Mel's work in both Northern Synod and with the Five Northern 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.

13 MARCH: Northern Synod Meeting on the 19th – for the conversations we will have and the decisions we will make! St Cuthbert's Centre, Holy Island; Revd Rachel Poolman (Warden). URC Assembly Executive scheduled to meet 15-17th March. The Acting Anglican Bishop of Newcastle Diocese, the Rt Revd Mark Wroe.

20 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.

27 MARCH: PCM, its congregations in and around the capital, Maputo; Chair of the Darlington Methodist District, Revd Richard Andrew

APRIL

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

10 APRIL: St Mark's URC, Amble; Revd Alison Mills.

17 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. Our Youth Pioneer workers, Angela Feather and Esther Bailey.

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

MAY

1 MAY: Synod Lay Preaching Commissioner, Dr Ann Sinclair, and our resource of lay preachers across our Synod. For our hospitals, medical centres, and clinics, for everyone who works for our NHS; Hospital Chaplains: all in hospital chaplaincy.

8 MAY: 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 (10-16 May).

15 MAY: Grindon Mission Project; Stockton Road URC, Sunderland; Roker URC; CRCW Alison Dalton.

22 MAY: Mr Matt Knowles, our Synod's Safeguarding Advisor shared with Yorkshire Synod.

29 MAY: Those training for the ministry from Northern Synod: Felicity Barker, Lisa Wilson, Louise Sanders and Roberta Ritson

JUNE

5 JUNE: Trinity LEP (Methodist/URC), Gosforth; Revd Alex Mabbs; and Chair of the Newcastle Methodist District, Revd Stephen Lindridge.

12 June: PCM, the churches in the Limpopo presbyteries in and around Gaza Province. The Anglican Suffragan Bishop of Berwick, the Rt Revd Mark Wroe.

19 JUNE: Refugee Week (20-26); Revd David Haslam, Chaplain, RAF Leeming; all military chaplains. Congregations that have closed in the last year, and visions of new beginnings

26 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.

JULY

3 JULY: South East Northumberland Ecumenical Area (SENEA) (Methodist and URC) and President, Revd Julian Sanders. URC General Assembly meets, 8th – 11th July. We pray for Moderators of General Assembly, their chaplains, the Clerks to the Assembly, all Assembly Officers, and all who gather and contribute.

10 JULY: Northumbrian Industrial Mission and Mrs Fiona Usher, Chaplain Team Leader.

17 JULY: The work of Synod Executive Committee.

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

31st JULY: PCM, their office staff at Church House, Khovo, Maputo. The Anglican Bishop of Jarrow, the Rt Revd Sarah Clark.

AUGUST

7 AUGUST: The work of Pastoral Committee and Convenor, Revd Joan Grindrod-Helmn. The Anglican Bishop of Durham, the Rt Revd Paul Butler

14 AUGUST: Ponteland URC; St John's URC, Wideopen; St Aidan's URC, Hexham; Horsley URC.

21 AUGUST: St George's URC, Morpeth; Great Bavington URC; Widdrington URC Revd Julian Sanders.

28 AUGUST: The work of the URC (Northern Province Trust Ltd) and Convenor, Revd David Grosch-Miller, and Trust Secretary Mr Willie Duncan. The RC Bishop of Middlesbrough, the Rt Revd Terry Draine.

SEPTEMBER

4 SEPT: Climate Sunday Green Apostle Revd Trevor Jamison and the congregation he serves – St Columba's North Shields.

11 SEPT: Education Sunday. Racial Justice Sunday. Revd Ryan Sirmons; St James's URC, Newcastle; St Andrew's URC, Kenton; Jesmond URC, West End URC.

18 SEPT: Longframlington URC; Rothbury URC; St Andrew's URC, Glanton; Revd Ed Butlin.

25 SEPT: Peacemaking Sunday; PCM, Lay training and evening classes at Khovo in Maputo. Northern Baptist Regional Minister, Revd Paul Revill.

OCTOBER

2 OCT: Preparations for October Synod Meeting (15 October). Moderator's Secretary, Mrs Wendy Watson; Trust Officer, Mr Andrew Atkinson; Finance Officer, Mrs Helen Hogg.

9 OCT: Homeless Sunday and Prisons Week (9-15 Oct). United Church of Christ New York Conference, and Conference Minister Revd David Gaewski.

16 OCT: For the Joint Public Issues Team and its work. The work of Mission Committee and Convenor, Revd Dr Grant Wilson; the Synod's Racial Justice Advocate, Pat Poinen; the Synod's Rural Consultant, Revd Ian Ring. North East England Divisional Salvation Army Commanders, Majors David and Gillian Burns.

23 OCT: Revd Mary Taylor; Wooler URC; PCM, their retired ministers and those newly appointed to posts with PCM.

30 OCT: West Denton URC Newcastle; Robert Stewart Memorial URC, Newcastle.

NOVEMBER

6 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.

13 NOV: Remembrance Sunday; Zion URC, Northallerton; Northgate URC, Darlington; Keld and Low Row URC.

20 NOV: Women Against Violence Sunday. St Margaret's URC, South Shields.

27 NOV: World Aids Day Dec 1ST. St Andrew's LEP (Methodist/URC), Benton; Revd Gavin Hume (Methodist); The Church of the Good Shepherd LEP (Anglican/Methodist/URC), BattleHill; Revd Julie Mooney (Anglican).

DECEMBER

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

11 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.

18 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).

25 DEC: Christmas Day. 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)