



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



*Prayer
Diary 2024*



January

- 7th New year, fresh possibilities. Holding our vacant pastorates in prayer: Tees and Swale, Interim Moderators (IM) Prof Fred Robinson and Sandy Ogilvie. Cleveland Pastorate, IM Maranny Jones and SCM Holy Island, Management Group IM Revd Joan Grindrod-Helmn.
- 14th Children's, Youth and Families Committee. Convenor: Revd Julian Sanders, Field Workers: Hannah Middleton, John Stephenson. Youth Pioneers: Angela Feather and Esther Bailey.
- 21st Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Ecumenical and Interfaith Officer: Andy Lie. North East Churches Acting Together (NECAT).
- 28th Bible Sunday. Also pray for Youth Assembly (26th - 28th)

February

- 4th Churches: Stamfordham LEP; Minister: Revd Jona Sewell. St John's the Evangelist, Kingston Park LEP; Minister: Revd Adele Moorhouse.
- 11th Church Action on Poverty. Work of CRCWs: Alison Dalton, Ann Honey and Fliss Barker.
- 18th The Trust, all members, Convenor: Revd Alan McGougan. The work of The North East District Council.
- 25th Fairtrade Fortnight (27th – 12th March). Giving thanks for all those who work towards equity and fair pay for all.

March

- 3rd Preparation for Synod, Synod Moderator: Revd Kim Plumpton, Synod Clerk: Revd Dr Trevor Jamison. Staff Team: Andrew Atkinson, Lisa McAvoy, Wendy Watson, Helen Hogg.
- 10th Churches: Wooler; St James's, Alnwick; Revd Joan Grindrod Helmn; St Mark's, Amble; Revd Alison Mills; St Andrews, Glanton; Longframlington and Rothbury, Revd Ed Butlin.
- 17th Northerly Synods: Moderators: Jamie Kissack, Lindsey Sanderson, Geoff Felton and Clare Downing.
- 24th Ecumenical Colleagues: Anglican Bishops of Durham: Rt Revd Paul Butler; Newcastle: Rt Revd Dr Helen-Ann Hartley; Berwick: Rt Revd Mark Wroe; Jarrow: Rt Revd Sarah Clerk; Whitby: Rt Revd Paul Ferguson.
- 31st Easter Sunday

April

- 7th Churches: Trinity, Ashington LEP: St Andrew's, Monkseaton; Minister: Revd Louise Sanders. Widdrington; St George's Morpeth; Great Bavington, Minister: Revd Julian Sanders.
- 14th Pastoral Committee, all members and Convenor Revd Joan Grindrod-Helmn.
- 21st World Earth Day (22nd). Green Apostle: Revd Alex Mabbs and Charles Jolly
- 28th Churches: Trinity, Bedlington LEP; Seaton Delaval LEP; St Andrew's and St Mark's, Newbiggin-by-the-Sea LEP; Minister: Revd Alan McGougan.

May

- 5th Presbyterian Church of Mozambique
- 12th Christian Aid 14th - 20th. Pray for all working on our behalf across the world. Commitment For Life.
- 19th Synod Executive: Synod Treasurer: Gordon Wanless. Convenors of Sub-committees; Willie Duncan. Property Consultant: Graham Hatt.
- 26th Churches: St Aidan's Hexham; St John's Wideopen.

June

- 2nd World Environment Day (5th June). Climate Change and our response to it.
- 9th Churches: Horsley; Bellingham LEP; Wark; Minister: Revd Roberta Ritson.
- 16th Disability Awareness Week (17th - 23rd), a more inclusive church.
- 23rd Mission Forum Convenor: Revd Kate Hackett. Revd David Haslam: RAF Chaplain.
- 30th Churches: St Andrew's Kenton; St James' Newcastle; Jesmond; West End; Minister: Revd Ryan Simons.

July

- 7th General Assembly (12th - 15th), pray for the preparation needed, for open hearts, wise minds and fruitful discussions. Moderator: Revd Dr Tessa Henry-Robinson. Church House staff.
- 14th Churches: Robert Stewart Memorial; St Cuthbert's, Heaton; St George's, High Heaton; Minister: Revd Dr Grant Wilson. West Denton.
- 21st Refugee week (17th - 23rd) Pray for all displaced, seeking safety and security.

28th Praying for all those who give selflessly to the church ie. flower-arrangers, coffee makers and so many more.

August

4th Churches: St Andrew's, Benton LEP; Minister: Revd Gavin Hume. Church of the Good Shepherd, Battle Hill: Revd Julie Mooney.

11th Rural Ministry: Rural Consultant: Revd Ian Ring.

18th Mission Projects: Redcar Missional House overseen by Revd Dr Sue Walker. Grindon Community Church, John and Kati Whiteoak.

25th Safeguarding Officers: Matt Knowles, Helen Berg, Carrie Kaunda, Admin Support Paula Kitson.

September

1st Churches: St Columba's North Shields; Minister: Revd Dr Trevor Jamison. St Andrew's Crook, LEP; Minister: Revd Christopher Humble. Our second world partner: the United Church of Christ.

8th Racial Justice Sunday. Our Racial Justice Advocate: Pat Poinen.

15th Ecumenical Colleagues: Newcastle Methodist District Chair: Revd Stephen Lindridge; Darlington Methodist District Chair: Revd Richard Andrew; Roman Catholic Bishops of Middlesborough: Rt Revd Terry Drainey; Hexham and Newcastle: Rt Revd Stephen Wright.

22nd International Day of Peace (21st). Aspirations for peace.

29th Churches: Trinity, Gosforth LEP; Minister: Revd Alex Mabbs.

October

6th World Homeless day (10th).

13th Giving thanks for Local and Lay Preachers. Lay Preaching Advocate: Dr Ann Sinclair. Lucy Cooke: Learning and Development Officer. Ministries and Development Committee, Convenor: Revd Sally Bateman. The blessing of retired ministers and lay leaders.

20th Churches: St Margaret's, South Shields; Roker and Stockton Road; Minister: Revd Jane Rowell.

27th Mission Projects: Keld Resource Centre, Mrs Helen Guy and the Management Group. Holy Island and the Management Group, Convenor: Sheila Duncan.

November

- 3rd International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians.
- 10th Remembrance Sunday.
- 17th Churches: Waddington Street, Durham; Bethel, Chester-Le-Street; Christ Church, Stanley; Cromer Avenue; Denewell Avenue; Minister: Revd Marcus Hargis.
- 24th Those retiring from ministry and those considering ministry. Candidating Secretary: Revd Dr David Whiting. EM2 Revd Stuart Brock. Leading your church into growth LYCIG.

December

- 1st Churches: Northgate, Darlington; Zion, Northallerton; Low Row with Keld.
- 8th Human Rights Day (10th).
- 15th Churches: Guisborough; St Andrew's, Nunthorpe and Marton; Redcar; St Columba's, Billingham; St Andrew's Mission, Thornaby; Stockton-on-Tees; St George's, Hartlepool.
- 22nd Northumbrian Industrial Mission: Fiona Usher. Salvation Army North East Division: Divisional Commanders: Majors David & Gillian Burns. Baptist Northern Association: Regional Ministers: Revd Linda Donaldson and Revd Johnny Pozzo.
- 29th Looking to 2025 with a renewed sense of hope.

Psalm 145

A psalm of praise. Of David.

- ¹ I will exalt you, my God the King;
I will praise your name for ever and ever.
- ² Every day I will praise you
and extol your name for ever and ever.
- ³ Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.
- ⁴ One generation commends your works to another;
they tell of your mighty acts.
- ⁵ They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.^[b]
- ⁶ They tell of the power of your awesome works—
and I will proclaim your great deeds.

- ⁷ They celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
- ⁸ The LORD is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.
- ⁹ The LORD is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.
- ¹⁰ All your works praise you, LORD;
your faithful people extol you.
- ¹¹ They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might,
- ¹² so that all people may know of your mighty acts
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- ¹³ Your 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]

- ¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who fall
and lifts up all who are bowed down.
- ¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food at the proper time.
- ¹⁶ You open your hand
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.
- ¹⁷ The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and faithful in all he does.
- ¹⁸ The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.
- ¹⁹ He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them.
- ²⁰ The LORD watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.
- ²¹ My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.
Let every creature praise his holy name
for ever and ever