



Diocese of Sodor and Man - Prayer Diary May 2026



Fri 1 st PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES	The Parish of the Northern Plain	Clergy: Brian Evans-Smith Readers: Peter Shimmin, Gill Poole Liturgical Assistants: Elaine Aulton & Judith Ley	The Diocese of Wusasa – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)	As the new exhibition of Manx crosses is opened and blessed, we rejoice in the deep Christian heritage of our Island. May the celebration of our roots enable us to flourish today.
Sat 2 nd Athanasius, bishop, teacher of the faith, 373 Henry Bloom Noble, businessman and benefactor, 1903	Arbory and Castletown	Clergy: Simon Archer, Colin Barry, Sue Watterson Reader: Hilary Flynn	The Diocese of Wyoming – The Episcopal Church	We pray for the Upper Room project.
SUNDAY 3rd THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Ronican ‘the Prophet’, 519	SUMT (Scripture Union Mission Trust)	Staff Team: Kristina Reeves, Panda Dooley, Sarah Rotchell, Sue Yardy, Ben Pitt and Clive Swift	The Church of North India (United)	Please pray for the twenty-two Primary Schools engaging with the <i>It’s Your Move</i> lessons for Year 6 pupils, on preparing for transition to Secondary School. Pray for those leading the lessons too.
Mon 4 th English saints and martyrs of the Reformation Era	Care for the Family	Paula Pridham, (Executive Director) Jody Jones (Executive Support)	The Diocese of Yambio – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan	Pray for this month’s online support courses.
Tues 5 th	Rushen	Clergy: Joe Heaton, John Gulland, Roger Harper and Ginny Viner Readers: Wendy Heaton and Harry Dawson	The Diocese of Yangon – The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)	‘Dear Lord, we thank you for springtime, for the warmth coming back into the sun, for the longer hours of daylight, the sweet sound of birds singing in the trees, thank you Lord for the creation of this beautiful world you have given us.’
Wed 6 th	Braddan	Clergy: Daniel Richards	The Diocese of Yei – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan	Please pray for our Sunday School, for the teachers and young people as well as <i>Open the Book</i> , as they go into primary schools in the Braddan area.
Thu 7 th	St Ninian’s	Clergy: Steven Herron and Alex Brown	The Diocese of Yeri – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan	Pray that full of Easter joy that God’s vision for the parish is realised through teamwork and channelled through the clergy leading St Ninian’s, so all grow in faith together.
Fri 8 th Julian of Norwich, spiritual writer, c. 1417	Onchan	Clergy: Alessandra Di Chiara Reader: Carole Bairstow	The Diocese of Yewa – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)	Bless all our endeavours as we plan for the future and seek to serve our parish to the best of our ability.

Sat 9 th Sanctan the 'Famous'	Malew and Santan	Clergy: Ruth Walker Readers: Howard Connell and Ellen Halliwell	The Diocese of Yirol – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan	Please pray for our young people and monthly Sunday School beginning in May.
SUN 10 th THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ROGATION SUNDAY	Marown, Foxdale and Baldwin	Clergy: Janice Ward Readers: Nancy Clague, Heather Paisley	The Church of Pakistan (United)	Pray for St Luke's, Foxdale, as it celebrates its 190 th anniversary today.
Mon 11 th Rogation Sunday	St Thomas' School	Acting Head of St Thomas': Mrs Laille Murphy	The Diocese of Yokohama – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai	Bless the staff, children and families connected with the school.
Tues 12 th Rogation Sunday Gregory Dix, priest, monk, scholar, 1952	The Eastern Mission Partnership	Team Leader: Alessandra di Chiara The Commissioners of Garff, Onchan, Braddan and Councillors of Douglas	The Diocese of Yola – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)	We give thanks for the mutual support, fellowship and encouragement offered by all who minister in the Eastern Mission Partnership.
Wed 13 th Rogation Sunday	The Isle of Man Prison	Chaplain to the Prison: Brian Evans-Smith	The Diocese of York – The Church of England	We remember all who lead worship in the prison and who support the prison community pastorally.
Thu 14 th ASCENSION DAY Translators of the Manx Prayer Book	St Matthew's, Douglas	Clergy: Michael Brydon, Andrew Coleman, Roger Harper, Duncan Whitworth	The Diocese of New York – The Episcopal Church	As Christ ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind.
Fri 15 th MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE	Parish of the West Coast	Clergy: Nigel Godfrey, Malcolm Convery, Margaret Burrow, Joanna Fisher, Jeanette Hamer, Mark Radcliffe Local Ministers: Cheryl Cousins, Graham McAll, Robert Quayle. Readers: Rosemary Clarke, Stephen Hamer, Peter Ling	The Diocese of Western New York – The Episcopal Church	During this time of praying <i>Thy Kingdom Come</i> in the world church – we pray that we may be enabled to work together in partnership to bring his Kingdom in on our Island.
Sat 16 th Caroline Chisholm, social reformer, 1877 Brendan the Navigator, 577 Duthracht of Liathdriom, Fifth century	The Diocese	Bishop: Patricia Hillas Archdeacon: Irene Cowell Bishop's Missioner: Andrew Coleman Bishop's Chaplain: Michael Brydon Bishop's Secretary: Lorna Cook Synod Secretary: Colin Kelsey Diocesan Secretary: Tony Connell Registrar, Treasurer & Diocesan Officers.	The Diocese of Ysabel – The Anglican Church of Melanesia	Pray for Keeills' Week running between 16 th -23 rd May. Help us to celebrate the Manx language which was preserved by the translation of the scriptures and prayer into its tongue, so that they might be shared with everyone on this Island.
SUN 17 th THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	The Retired Clergy of the Diocese	All retired clergy in the diocese	The Diocese of Warri – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)	Please give thanks for the ministry of retired clergy, past, present, and on-going. Pray for God's blessing as they continue to support the diocese.

Mon 18 th Spitlhin	The Cathedral	Dean: Nigel Godfrey Central Services: Val Garrett Hospitality and Pastoral: Helen Parry Education and Training: Rosemary Clarke Mission: Mark Radcliffe Music: Peter Litman	The Diocese of Yukon - The Anglican Church of Canada	Pray for those attending the Cathedrals' Conference between 18 th -21 st May in Bristol. Pray also for the Cathedral Safeguarding Audit team who work to ensure that all who work and visit the cathedral are safe and their well-being is prioritised.
Tues 19 th Dunstan, archbishop, monastic reformer, 988	Church in the Pub, Sunday at 10 The Cat with no Tail.	Reader- Chris Wildman	The Diocese of Zaki-Biam – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)	Pray that plans for a 'family fun day' for Governor's Hill, to mark the 30th anniversary, may come to fruition and both permissions and support will be forthcoming.
Wed 20 th Alcuin, deacon, abbot, 804 Iuan the Priest, Late twelfth century	Ramsey and the North-East	Clergy: Daniel Norris, Jo Dudley and Ian Faulds Readers: Jo Hartley & Tim Grass	The Missionary Diocese of Zambezia – Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola	'As the physical presence of Jesus left the disciples as he ascended to His Father, help us, Lord, to fill folk with the love and spirit of the risen Lord in their lives, in the same way the disciples' lives were filled.'
Thu 21 st Helena, protector of the Holy Places, 330	Chaplains	Prison and Ramsey Hospital: Brian Evans-Smith; Noble's Hospital: Iain Skidmore; FE College: Daniel Richards; Army Cadets: Steven Herron; Police: Jo Dudley; Deaf Community: Jeanette Hamer; Rural Community: Irene Cowell; Sea Cadets: Michael Brydon; Order of St John: Liz Hull	The Diocese of Central Zambia – The Church of the Province of Central Africa	Pray for all the chaplains who provide ministry across the Island. May they use the privilege of their chaplaincy role both to support and to inspire.
Fri 22 nd	Tynwald and Local Government Across the Isle of Man	Charles our King, Lord of Mann The Lieutenant Governor The President of Tynwald The Speaker of the House of Keys The Chief Minister	The Diocese of Eastern Zambia – The Church of the Province of Central Africa	We pray for all those entrusted with leading government on the Island. Grant them both wisdom and vision in their work.
Sat 23 rd	St George and All Saints, Douglas	Clergy: Irene Cowell, Andrew Coleman, Ian Quayle Reader: Charles Flynn Licensed Assistant: Ray Platt	The Diocese of Northern Zambia – The Church of the Province of Central Africa	Bless our community lunches and our work with children.
SUN 24th PENTECOST WHIT SUNDAY	The Western Mission Partnership	Team Leader: Nigel Godfrey Diocesan Spirituality Adviser: Karen Garrett	The Episcopal Church in the Philippines	For volunteers within the churches who are offering a welcome and hospitality to TT visitors to the Island.

Mon 25 th The Venerable Bede, monk, scholar, historian, 735 Aldhlem, bishop, 709	The Southern Mission Partnership	Team Leader: Joe Heaton The Commissioners of Arbory, Castletown, Malew, Port Erin, Port St. Mary, Rushen and Santon	The Diocese of Zanzibar – The Anglican Church of Tanzania	Bless the members of the Southern Mission Partnership in their work for the Kingdom of God.
Tues 26 th Augustine, archbishop, 605 John Calvin, reformer, 1564 Philip Neri, founder of the Oratorians, spiritual guide, 1595	The Mothers' Union	President: Ann Corlett Chaplain: Ian Faulds	The Diocese of Zaria – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)	Give thanks for the blessing the Mothers' Union remains to churches and other groups across the Isle of Man.
Wed 27 th Rowley Hill, Bishop of Sodor and Man, 1887	King William's College	Principal of King William's College: Damian Henderson	The Diocese of Central Zimbabwe – The Church of the Province of Central Africa	Pray for all those involved in education. Help us to find true wisdom in God.
Thu 28 th Lanfranc, monk, archbishop, scholar, 1089	St Thomas', Douglas	Clergy: Liz Hull Reader: Steve Hull	The Diocese of Ziwa Rukwa – The Anglican Church of Tanzania	'Pray that our reordering project is blessed on all fronts.'
Fri 29 th	The Northern Mission Partnership	Clergy: Daniel Norris, Brian Evans-Smith, Jo Dudley and Ian Faulds The Commissioners of Ramsey, Andreas, Ballaugh, Bride, Jurby, Lezayre, Garff.	The Diocese of Zonkwa – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)	Pray for the person God is calling to be the new rector of the Parish of the Northern Plain. Give thanks for the ministry of the Rev Brian Evans-Smith during the vacancy. Please pray for the whole partnership to reach out to the community with God's love.
Sat 30 th Josephine Butler, social reformer, 1906 Joan of Arc, visionary Apolo Kivebulaya, priest, evangelist, 1933	Lonan and Laxey	Clergy: Alessandra di Chiara	The Diocese of Zululand – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa	We pray for the work of Bubble Church.
SUN 31st TRINITY SUNDAY	The Readers and Lay Ministers of the Diocese	The Warden of Readers and all involved in the training and support of lay ministry.	Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda	Give thanks for the shared baptism of all Christian people in the name of the Holy Trinity and God's vocation to all.

Those listed in this colour are Manx holy men and women which are only celebrated in Sodor and Man.