

the church. Pray that through the conversations and meetings, we will be able to share the love of Christ with them. *Colville Street North*

24. Pray for safe travels and a good break for our administrator Toby, as he enjoys a well earned break over the next few days. Pray for the many people who use our foodbank. *Milbourne Street*
25. Please pray for the Diocesan Schools Consultants (serving and recently retired headteachers) in Peterborough Diocese, providing advice, guidance and pastoral support for the Church of England school headteachers leading Church schools in Northamptonshire, Rutland and Peterborough, and for Peter Cantley as he leads the education team in Peterborough Diocese. *Milbourne Terrace*
26. Today is Ash Wednesday, and the start of Lent. Over the next six weeks, we are seeking afresh God's vision for His church at St James. Dear Father God, we desire as a church to take hold of the vision You have for us and the community you have called us to serve, and pray that You would lead and guide us in the direction that You would have us go. Help us to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit, so that the vision that emerges in our hearts will be to Your praise and

glory – this we ask in Jesus name. Amen. *Johns Place*

27. Please pray for the staff members of Sola Church in Norway, especially their two new members Hege Skrikrud who works mainly in Christian education for children and Anders Primstad working mainly among teenagers. *Holme Terrace*
28. Pray for the parishes of St Luke's, Holy Trinity, St Barnabas and Sandsfield Fellowship as they prepare for a mission week taking place from the 28th March to the 5th April, especially for their training day taking place on the 29th February. Pray for them as they undertake the E100 Bible Challenge over the next few months. *Bridge Terrace*
29. The Annual Church Meeting takes place next month, pray for the work that goes into preparing the accounts and reports. Please pray for the appointment of a new chaplain to Trinity School after the Revd Caroline Kennedy stepped down from the role. *Shaddongate*

Prayer Diary February 2020

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ST JAMES CARLISLE

1. Garry Ion writes: 'After spending time with parents over Christmas in Penrith and last week meetings here in Kampala, I have decided to complete my service with CMS. I have been seeking God's will on the matter for a while now and am sure it's the right decision. I am very grateful for the wonderful support I've received down the years and give thanks for friends in St James. Please continue to pray for God's closeness as I say goodbye to many friends here and return to the UK at the end of March. I don't have much idea yet what's in the future but I know who holds the future. Amen!' *Norfolk Terrace*
2. Last month we were unable to appoint anyone to the post of Deputy Shops Manager. As we re-advertise the post, pray that the right person will be found to fill this important position. Pray that the new youth group 'Sunday Night Takeaway' set up by Ruth, and that it will strengthen and build the faith of the young people who attend. *Norfolk Court*
3. Simon is attending a 24 hour renewal retreat at Rydal Hall today, led by Kevin Roberts (the former Archdeacon of Carlisle). Pray that this may be a time of rest and renewal for all who attend. *Denton Holme Student Village*
4. Santa Sorlie writes 'With the major holidays behind us, English with my two young Muslim girls will be continuing. As we involve different



interests in food, craft and geography we will concentrate on a certain country and try to include facts, but all in English. Pray for the girls to start asking questions about my presence here as I really want to include some gospel gems in conversations, but have to be patient.' *Norfolk Road*

5. Pray for our City Councillors Chris Southward, Ruth Alcroft, Lisa Brown and Trevor Allison, and our MP John Stevenson. *Goschen Road*
6. Pray for the Reverend Carl Harding, former curate of St Michael's Stanwix and St Mark's Belah, who tonight is being licensed as Priest in Charge of the South Barrow Team Ministry. *Talbot Road*
7. Pray for all those involved in helping to prepare for and lead the holiday club taking place later this month. The title is 'Giant Slayers', and we will be exploring the life of King David. *Yew Tree Court*
8. Give thanks for the ministry of Carlisle Street Pastors, and those who are prepared to go onto the streets of our city to be a loving, caring and listening presence. Pray that this ministry will bear much fruit. *Empire Road*
9. Please pray for Simon, who this morning is preaching at Hebron Evangelical Church. Pray for those preaching and leading worship in St. James today. *East Norfolk Street*
10. Pray for the Standing Committee meeting tonight: Simon, Caroline

Browne, Chris Dixon, Alan Johnson, Julie Graham, Judith Moffat and Paul Crooks. *East Dale Street*

11. Pray that many people will sign up for the Holiday Club which starts on the 17th February, and that there will be a real sense of excitement about what God is going to do through it. *Cumberland Court*
12. Santa writes 'During February my small team and I will be visiting the care home in Risan. By then I might have a number of fidget knee blankets and twiddle mitts for the Alzheimer's residents. Pray for the contact with staff and residents.' *Northumberland Street*
13. The Fletchers write: 'Please pray for discussion with schools about Bow's next steps in education. The Special School feel ready to transition her to mainstream school. Please pray that the school can place her appropriately and that God will provide money for the fees.' *Trafalgar Street*
14. Pray for Kate, as she makes final preparations for the holiday club which starts on Monday. Pray for protection for all working on the building site of the new church in Sola, Norway, which will be inaugurated in October. Pray for the 75 young people preparing for confirmation in Sola this year! *Blencowe Street*
15. The Fletchers write 'Pray for the few in our neighbourhood whose homes are being demolished to make way

for a new road. Pray for our neighbour with cerebral palsy who is dying of ovarian cancer and is the sole provider for her family, pray that God will meet her and that we will know how to love her well. Please pray for our team with lots of exciting opportunities meaning lots of hard work - pray that God will strengthen us for the task.'

Lorne Street

16. Pray for the combined service taking place today between Wigton Road and Newtown Road Methodist Church, and St Luke's, Holy Trinity and St Barnabas. *St James Road*
17. Pray for safety and protection for everyone involved in the holiday club which starts today. Pray that the children who attend will have an amazing time, and encounter God's great love. *St James Avenue*
18. Pray for the work of Tearfund, especially in those parts of the world where there is civil strife and conflict. This includes Yemen, which is widely seen as the world's worst humanitarian crisis, where conflict has left 24 million people in need of urgent help. Pray too for Nigeria, where conflict provoked by Boko Haram and other armed groups in the north-east has forced 2.1 million from their homes. And please also pray for the Democratic Republic of Congo where fighting amongst armed groups is

19. Pray for our Mission Community: Through your Son Jesus Christ we give you thanks and praise for our mission community here in Carlisle. Righteous Lord, guide and strengthen us, in telling others the story of your Son, let us be the vine branches that reach out to those who don't know you. Eternal Lord, you are our light, our life, our redeemer, our strength, you are the one sure foundation, in transforming our community. *Kenmount Place*
20. Give thanks for all who have helped or attended the holiday club, and pray that they will remember the lessons they have learnt these last few days, and that it will inspire them in their walk with God. *Clifton Street*
21. There are many within our church family facing significant health issues and other challenges. Pray that all who are going through difficult times may know God's healing presence, peace and love. *Colville Terrace*
22. Thank God for all our volunteers in Cornerstone and OpShop, and pray for God's protection over the work we do to serve our community. *Colville Street*
23. Pray for couples who are preparing to get married at St James this year, and the families who are interested in having their children baptised in