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Latest News from Faith in the North



Lord's Prayer Poll

New research suggests The Lord's Prayer is still more easily instantly recognised by the British public than some of the most famous lines from Shakespeare, Dickens or Churchill.



People in the UK are more likely to identify correctly a short extract from the Lord's Prayer than one from the National Anthem and other sources chosen for their deep cultural resonance, a new poll has found.

The polling, carried out for the Church of England ahead of the annual Pentecost prayer initiative [Thy Kingdom Come](#), also found the reference in the prayer to being forgiven and forgiving others was the element people found most meaningful to them.

Another interesting highlight was that almost six in 10 people have prayed the Lord's Prayer in their daily life which is very encouraging and shows that the prayer is still very much part of our national make up.

[Read more about the poll results here](#)

The Lord's Prayer Tour



The Lord's Prayer tour of the North of England continues as part of this year's focus on the prayer for Faith in the North. Archbishop Stephen was at Lancaster Priory on Sunday 8 June where he joined people from across the Diocese of Blackburn for a service of Choral Evensong and gave a sermon centred around the words of the Lord's Prayer and what it can teach us today.

Following the service questions were taken from the congregation and a panel of ecumenical leaders and lay members shared their thoughts in reply.

Upcoming dates for the tour are:

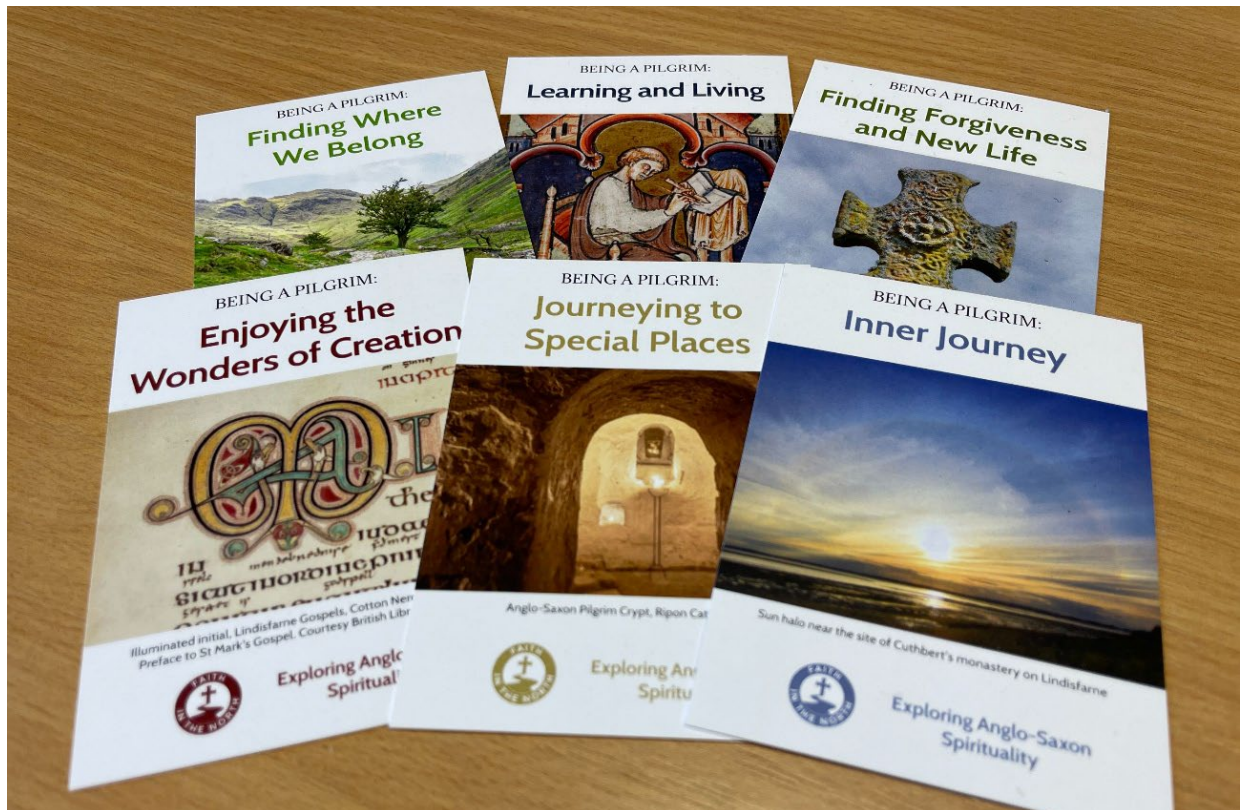
[Carlisle Cathedral on Tuesday 17 June](#)

[Sheffield Cathedral on Wednesday 25 June](#)

All are welcome to come along to think more about how the Lord's Prayer offers a way of living as well as a way to pray.

Read more about the
Lancaster visit

New Prayer cards available soon



There are six new prayer cards available for churches to buy soon. Designed by the Faith in the North team, they use key themes from Anglo-Saxon spirituality. Complementing the cards produced by [Explore Christianity](#), they offer a fresh approach to engaging with God and encouraging people from all backgrounds to 'just start talking' to him.

Each card contains an attractive image, a relevant Bible verse, a short explanation of the Christian faith which changed this land, and a simple prayer.

Anglo-Saxon Christians faced a world surprisingly like our own. Life was tough and uncertain; wars and pandemics often brought loss, grief, pain, and loneliness. They needed to know that they were not alone, and how to find a way through day by day. That's why their deep trust in God's help on their pilgrim-journey through life can encourage and inspire us today.

The cards will be available to order from [CPO](#) soon – please check back to the Faith in the North website for details. There are 1500 free sample packs available on a first come first served basis – postal costs only to be paid.



Please join us in prayer as we gather on Zoom to pray for the renewal of faith in the North. The sessions will take place from 8.40 – 8.55am. Feel free to share this with your friends, colleagues and wider networks.

Please email:

rebecca.bennett@archbishopofyork.org to receive the link.

Upcoming dates:

19 June 2025 – Children, Youth and Families

3 July 2025 – Evangelism

17 July 2025 – Cathedrals and Major Churches



Podcasts

New podcasts continue to be added to the website. The most recent episodes come from the dioceses of Chester, Carlisle and York. Encouraging stories of faith, people from across the dioceses of the north share a little of their faith journey and where they have seen God at work in their area. You can [listen to all the podcasts](#) via the website.

Sharing experiences

If you hear of schools or churches that have used the resources to help teach or learn more about the Lord's Prayer, please let us know by emailing faithinthenorth@archbishopofyork.org.

Please forward this email on to others who may be interested or encourage them to visit the website and sign up to receive updates direct to their inbox. Thank you.

The Faith in the North team