

## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>

During World Immunisation Week, we pray for communities around the world that do not have the same access to medicine and vaccines as we do. Lord, would you burden our hearts for the less fortunate, and stir us to act for the good of our international neighbours.

23. On St George's Day, we remember the life and death of St George, who was tortured and killed for refusing to deny his faith in Christ. May we be convicted by his resolve, and may his faith remind us of the cost of following you, Lord.

24. In our link with Melanesia, we remember the seven martyred Melanesian Brothers who gave their lives peacebuilding in the Solomon Islands 20 years ago today: Nathaniel Sado, Robin Lindsay, Francis Tofi, Alfred Hilly, Patteson Gatu, Ini Partabatu and Tony Sirihi. 'Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called sons of God.' (Matthew 5:9)

25. On the Feast Day of Mark the Evangelist, we give thanks for his Gospel, which proclaims that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, whose death paid the price for our sins. We pray that as you speak to us through Mark, we would profoundly know these truths.

26. On World Malaria Day, we pray for an end to this disease which affects millions of people every day. We give thanks for organisations raising awareness and working to eradicate Malaria and save lives.

27. For the Culm Valley Mission Community, its clergy Simon Talbot, Gudrun Thomas, LLMs Chris Russell, Katharyn Mumby, and for all who live and worship in Willand, Uffculme, and Kentisbeare.

28. For the Dart and Avon Mission Community, its clergy Gina Radford, Laura McAdam, LLMs David Harwood, Pam Saunders, and for all who live and worship in Staverton with Landscope, South Brent, Rattery, Littlehempston, Dean Prior, and Buckfastleigh.

29. For the Dartmouth & Dittisham Mission Community, its priest Andrew Langley, and for all who live and worship in Dittisham, and Dartmouth Saint Clement (Townstal).

30. For the Dawlish Coast Mission Community, during the current vacancy, and for all who live and worship in Dawlish with Holcombe, and Cofton. For Rev'd Patrick Parks Minister for Starcross.

# Amen.



# APRIL PRAYER DIARY

Lord, may our prayers be like incense, always burning night and day. May our worship be an offering to you, 'a pleasing aroma to the Lord'. May we live sacrificially, remembering to give you praise and show you gratitude. Amen.

## Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>

During Holy Week, may your journey to the cross be on our hearts. Between the celebrations of Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, we remember the betrayal, animosity, humiliation, and pain you endured for our salvation: 'They will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day.' (Matthew 20:18-19)

1. For the Bradninch Mission Community, its clergy Olly Mears, Hazel Britton, and for all who live and worship in Bradninch.

2. On Palm Sunday we remember Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem as people shouted 'Hosanna', which means please save us, 'blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord' (Mark 11:9). May we rejoice in you today and always, our King and Saviour.

3. For the Braunton Mission Community, its priest David Baker, and for all who live and worship in Braunton.

4. For the Brixham Mission Community, its clergy Stephen Yates, John Gay, Claire Reynolds, Angela Sumner, LLMs Wendy Emlyn, Elaine Vestey, Hilary Hyde, and for all who live and worship in Lower Brixham, All Saints, Kingswear, Churston Ferrers, and Brixham St Mary.

5. On the International Day of Conscience, we pray for a culture of peace, knowing that all people are made in the image of God and should be treated with dignity.

6. On Maundy Thursday we remember Jesus' prayer in the garden: 'Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done' (Luke 22:42). Lord Jesus, thank you for your commitment to us, help us to always surrender to God's will.

7. On Good Friday we remember Jesus' crucifixion, our sins nailed to the cross with Christ. 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' (Luke 23:42)

8. On Easter Saturday we pray for all those who do not know the truth and hope of the death and resurrection of Jesus: 'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.' (John 3:16)

## Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>

This week marks the anniversary of the martyrdom of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, we reflect on his prayer written from prison: 'You know all man's troubles; You abide with me. When all men fail me; It is Your will that I should know You and turn to You. Lord, I hear Your call and follow; Help me.'

9. On Easter Sunday, we proclaim Christ is risen, He has conquered the grave! We thank you that the power that raised Jesus lives in us, and we pray that by the Holy Spirit we would have boldness to witness to others.

10. On National Siblings Day we pray for our families, and give thanks for our brothers and sisters in the church. We have all been adopted into the family of God, may we be devoted to one another in love, honouring one another above ourselves. (Romans 12:10)

11. On World Parkinson's Day, we pray for all those living with Parkinson's, each with different symptoms and different experiences. We give thanks for organisations offering support and researching to find a cure.

12. For the Buckland Monachorum Mission Community, its clergy Andy Bowden, Andrew Farmer, LLMs Mark Smith, Angela Smith, Paul Nixon, and for all who live and worship in Buckland Monachorum.

13. In our link with Bayeux-Lisieux, we pray for chaplaincies at schools and universities, and particularly for students preparing for confirmation and undertaking trips to Taize. We also pray for parishes, their clergy and people in the area of Bretteville-sur-Laize.

14. For the Central Exeter Mission Community, its priest Sheila Swarbrick, and for all who live and worship in Central Exeter.

15. For the Chudleigh Mission Community, its priest Alex Sharp, LLM Yasmin Mann, and for all who live and worship in Trusham, Chudleigh Knighton, and Chudleigh.

## Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>

During Stress Awareness Month, we pray for everyone feeling overwhelmed by stress, particularly due to the cost-of-living crisis. We pray for your supernatural peace and remember Jesus' invitation to "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (*Matthew 11:28*)

16. In our link with Cyprus and the Gulf, we pray for the Cathedral of St Christopher Bahrain, its clergy, volunteers and all those who visit the Cathedral.

17. For all School Governors in Devon, particularly those at CofE schools, We pray you would give them wisdom as they support our schools and discern what is best for the staff and students.

18. For the Coast & Combe Mission Community, its clergy Mark Ruoff, John Roles, Ann Lewis, Fran Bliss, Tandy Ruoff, LLMs Sally-Ann Molligoda, Theresa Powell, and for all who live and worship in Saint Sabinus, Woolacombe, Saint Matthew, Lee, Mortehoe, Ilfracombe St Philip and St James, Ilfracombe, Combe Martin, Bittadon, and Berryarbor.

19. In our link with Thika we pray for the Ven. Solomon Thiga and the clergy and people of Gatundu Archdeaconry. We also pray for our linked parishes of Gakoe, Gakui, Kairi, Mang'u and Ngoingwa.

We give thanks for the churches going through 'Umoja' Church and Community Development Process including Gitwe where 14 'Good Samaritan' groups have been formed in the community, transforming many lives.

20. For the Crediton Mission Community, its clergy Matthew Tregenza, Janet May, Lewis Eden, LLM Sandra Collier, Carol Price, Antonia Tregenza, and for all who live and worship in Shobrooke, Sandford with Upton Hellions, and Crediton.

21. On World Creativity and Innovation Day, we celebrate the tapestry of the family of God and all the creativity within it, reflecting our creator God. Help us to continue to discover new ways to do church and to share your Good News with the world.

22. For the Cullompton Mission Community, its clergy Edward Hobbs, Marilyn Sanders, and for all who live and worship in Cullompton.

May my prayer be set before you like  
incense; may the lifting up of my hands  
be like the evening sacrifice.

**PSALM 141:2**