

Sunday 21st – Sunday 31st

During Thy Kingdom Come, we pray for those who don't yet know you or are away from you. In your mercy, would you reach out to them and touch their hearts, that each of them would receive the word of God, and believe. We ask for renewed faith and perseverance to pray for their salvation, may your Holy Spirit sustain us.

21. On the World Day for Cultural Diversity, we give thanks for the diversity of the Church, and pray for unity amongst all God's children across the globe. We pray that divisions would fall away and that all people would be united in Jesus Christ.

22. For Exeter Network Church, their clergy Jon Soper, Bob Wallington, and for all who worship at ENC.

23. For the Five Alive East Devon Mission Community, its priest Julie Lomas, LLMs Anna Crabbe, Gill Heighway, and for all who live and worship in Yacombe, Stockland, Shute, Kilminster, and Dalwood.

24. For our senior clergy, the Archdeacons and Bishops, we ask Lord, that you would help them to walk in truth and love, and guide them in their ministry, as they serve your church in Devon.

25. For the Five Red Churches Mission Community, its priest John Williams, and for all who live and worship in Powderham, Kenton with Mamhead, Kenn, and Exminster.

26. For the Forder Valley Mission Community, its clergy Ann Hosking, Keith Murphy, LLM Peter Dickinson, and for all who live and worship in Egguckland with Estover.

27. In our link with Melanesia, we pray for the Community of the Sisters of Melanesia, and their mission to reach young women and girls across Melanesia. As they consecrate their new chapel at Pentecost, we give thanks for the ministry of women.

28. At Pentecost, we remember the arrival of the Holy Spirit. Thank you, Lord, that you sent us a helper to be with us forever, who dwells with us and in us (John 14:15-17). We pray for fresh revelation of this truth: that God's Spirit lives within us, to guide us, teach us and empower us.

29. For the Four Ways Mission Community, its priest-in-charge designate Cathy Scoffield, LLM Josie Foster, and for all who live and worship in West Buckland, Swimbridge, Landkey, East Buckland.

30. On World MS Day, we pray for all those affected by MS and those who care for them. We give thanks for organisations working to discover new ways to treat and support those with MS. We pray your love would surround each person affected by this condition.

31. On the Feast Day of the Visitation of Mary, we remember Elizabeth's words to her: "blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." Help us to be humble servants like Mary, trusting and obeying your word.



MAY PRAYER DIARY

Reflecting on the words of Psalm 86, we pray:

Lord, thank you that you hear our prayers, and we can call on you in times of trouble. You are good and forgiving and gracious towards us. Teach us to walk in your ways and to trust in your steadfast love. May we glorify your name forever. Amen.

Monday 1st – Saturday 6th

During Maternal Mental Health Awareness Week, we pray for women experiencing mental health problems during pregnancy or postnatally, especially those who feel the need to hide their illness. We give thanks for the gift of motherhood, help us to care for and support those struggling with their mental health, and show them your love.

1. On the Feast Day of Philip and James the Apostles, whom you chose as your disciples, we remember their faith, their willingness to follow, and their courageous witness of your truth. We pray that you would give us boldness in our own witness, and help us to trust in you, Jesus.

2. For the Devonport Mission Community, its clergy Tim Buckley, Sue Nicholas, LLMs Lynda Buckley, John Wright, CMS worker Ruth Sayers, and for all who live and worship in Devonport St Aubyn, Devonport Saint Michael and Saint Barnabas.

3. In our link with Bayeux-Lisieux, we pray for the Basilica at Lisieux, its staff and pilgrims, and for all its work in promoting S. Therese. We also pray for the parishes, their clergy and the people in the area of Lisieux.

4. For the Dunkeswell Mission Community, its priest Jane Penn, and for all who live and worship in Upton, Sheldon, Plymtree, Luppitt, Dunkeswell, and Broadhembury. For Nigel Candelent as he prepares to become the new Priest-in-Charge.

5. For the East Clyst Churches Mission Community, its clergy Marc Kerslake, Gudrun Thomas, Jon Holder, Lydia Holder, LLMs Ian Spicer & Mary Franklin, Community Chaplain Jude Taylor, and for all who live and worship in Whimple, Talaton, Sowton, Rockbeare, Clyst St Lawrence, Clyst Hydon, Clyst Honiton, Broadclyst and Cranbrook.

6. On the Coronation of King Charles III, we pray you would bless him with strength and wisdom in his service to this country. We reflect on Jesus, the King of Kings who came not to be served but to serve.

Sunday 7th – Saturday 13th

During Dying Matters Awareness Week, we pray for all those who are grieving and all those crippled by a fear of death, may they know your peace. We give thanks, because Jesus conquered the grave and made a way for all who believe in Him to have eternal life.

7. For the Parishes of St Marks Exeter and St Boniface Whipton, thier clergy Tanya Hockley-Still, Carl Robinson, Tatty Wilson, and for all who live and worship in East Exeter.

8. On World Red Cross Day, we give thanks for the work of the Red Cross and Red Crescent movement, and pray for all humanitarian and aid workers who commit their lives to helping those who suffer throughout the world.

9. For the Edgemoor Mission Community, its clergy Alison Rogers, Penny Lawson, LLM Richard Holloway, and for all who live and worship in West Anstey, Rose Ash, North Molton with Twitchen, Molland, Mariansleigh, Knowstone, High Bray, East Anstey, Charles, and Bishopsnympton. For the Team Rector vacancy to be filled.

10. In our link with Cyprus and the Gulf, we pray for the Cathedral of St Paul, Nicosia and the Dean of the Cathedral, Jeremy Crocker.

11. For the Elburton Mission Community, its priest James Croucher, LLM Linda Dodwell, and for all who live and worship in Elburton.

12. On International Nurses Day, we give thanks for nurses around the world, working on the front line to care for others. We pray particularly for all nurses in Devon, may you protect and sustain them Lord, as they protect us.

13. On World Fairtrade Day, we pray we would all be stirred to live more sustainably and ethically. We pray for those whose lives and livelihoods are most impacted by climate change, we pray for your provision.

Sunday 14th – Saturday 20th

During Christian Aid Week, we pray for churches and communities engaging this week through events, fundraising and prayer. We give thanks for the work of Christian Aid, as they seek to eradicate poverty by following the teachings of Jesus Christ.

14. On National Children's Day, we pray for children in our families and communities, and we give thanks for the wonder of child-like faith. We pray all children would know they are loved by their Father in heaven, and we give thanks for Children and Families workers in churches across Devon.

15. During Mental Health Awareness Week, we pray for all those struggling with their mental health, that they would know that the Lord is a very present help in times of trouble. Help us to support, encourage and pray for one another when we become overwhelmed.

16. On the International Day of Living Together in Peace, we pray for a world united in differences and diversity. Remind us that all people are made in the image of God, we pray that all people would be united in Jesus Christ.

17. During Dementia Action Week, we pray for all those living with Dementia and for their friends and families dealing with the pain of a loved one's memory loss. We give thanks for organisations researching dementia treatment and prevention.

18. On the Feast of the Ascension, we remember Jesus' words before he ascended into Heaven: "you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth." Thank you that you chose to continue your ministry through us, thank you for the Holy Spirit, may He empower us to be your witnesses.

19. For the Exe Valley Mission Community, its clergy Steph Gordon-Jeffs, Claire Curtis, and for all who live and worship in Witleigh, Washfield, Templeton, Stoodleigh, Rackenford, Oakford, Loxbeare, Cruwys Morchard, and Calverleigh.

20. In our link with Thika, we pray for Ven. Joseph Wanyoike of Ruiru Archdeaconry, and for the clergy and people in this rapidly growing area on the outskirts of Nairobi. We also pray for the parish of Ruiru and Highlands parish, which have started the 'Umoja' Church and Community Development Process.

You, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who
call upon you. Give ear, O Lord, to my
prayer; listen to my plea for grace.

PSALM 86:5-6