

Sunday 25th – Friday 30th

Having moved from Spring into Summer, we reflect on this season of abundance, and give thanks for the abundant gifts God has given us. 'God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:8)

25. For the Kingsteignton Mission Community, its priest Mark Smith, Sandra Gill, and for all who live and worship in Kingsteignton with Teigngrace.

26. For Hospital chaplains across Devon, we give thanks for their service and care. As they come alongside and support others, we pray that they will reveal God's love and bring hope to those who are feeling hopeless.

27. In our link with Thika, we pray for farmers preparing the land and hoping for adequate rain in the next rainy season to produce a good harvest. We give thanks for the development of more resilient farming methods to cope with the changing climate which makes the seasons unpredictable.

28. For the Little Dart Team Mission Community, its clergy Tony Rockey, Adrian Wells, LLMs Christine Chandler, Elaine Cook, and for all who live and worship in Witheridge with Creacombe and Romansleigh, West Worlington, Wembworthy with Eggesford, Thelbridge, Meshaw, East Worlington, Chulmleigh, Cheldon, Chawleigh, and Burrington.

29. On the Feast Day of Peter and Paul, we remember your apostles, whom you appointed as leaders of your church, who preached that you are Lord and Saviour, and who gave their lives for your Gospel. May we be inspired by their devotion and listen carefully to your word spoken through them.

30. For the Mission Community of Littleham, Exmouth & Lypstone, its clergy Steve Jones, Benedict Cambridge, Jonathan Reynolds, LLM Demelza Henderson, and for all who live and worship in Littleham, Exmouth, and Lypstone.

Lord, we give thanks for your amazing grace. We remember it's only by your hand that we are saved, and not through anything we do. May we joyfully receive the gift of your grace, and share this truth with those around us.

Amen.



JUNE PRAYER DIARY

Thursday 1st – Saturday 10th

During Volunteers Week, we thank God for all volunteers in churches across Devon. We pray that we would all be inspired to serve others: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10)

1. On the Global Day of Parents, we pray for our own parents and particularly for new parents in our communities. May their love reflect yours: 'See what great love the Father has lavished upon us, that we should be called children of God!' (1 John 3:1)

2. For the Goodrington Mission Community, its priest Gary Deighton, and for all who live and worship in Goodrington, and Collaton St Mary.

3. For the Haldon Mission Community, its clergy Carol Green, Elizabeth Burren, Peter Burren, LLMs Anna Venables, Lesley Heffer, Peter Wood, and for all who live and worship in Teignmouth West, Teignmouth East, Ideford with Luton, Bishopsteignton, and Ashcombe.

4. On Trinity Sunday, we pray to our Father the Creator, the Son our Saviour and the Holy Spirit our Comforter. As we ponder the mystery of the Trinity, may we be full of awe and wonder, knowing we are loved by God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

5. On St Boniface Day, we remember the patron saint of Devon, who brought the Gospel to Germany and later gave his life for the gospel. We pray: 'As God gives us strength, in season and out of season, let us preach to the powerful and powerless alike, to rich and poor alike, to all people of every rank and of whatever age, the saving purposes of God' – *Boniface of Crediton*.

6. In our link with Melanesia, we pray with them: O God of land, sea and sky hear the cry of your people, for homes and livelihoods destroyed by rising seas and warming earth; caused by ignorance, apathy and selfish greed. Inspire all people of goodwill to work for change of hearts and minds.

7. For the Hartland Coast Mission Community, its clergy Jane Skinner, Jane Hayes, and for all who live and worship in Woolfardisworthy West, Welcombe, Parkham, Lundy, Hartland, Clovelly, Bucks Mills, Buckland Brewer, and Alwington.

8. On World Oceans Day, we give thanks for organisations who work to protect and restore our oceans, and we pray for all those impacted by rising sea levels. Lord, help us to be good stewards of the seas you created.

9. For the Heavitree Mission Community, its clergy Benjamin Rabjohns, Jolyon Seward, Andrew Johnson, and for all who live and worship in Saint Mary Steps, and Heavitree with St Paul Exeter.

10. As we come to the end of Carers' Week, we give thanks for all those who care for others in either paid or voluntary roles. We pray they would know the impact of their love and kindness towards those they care for, and that they would receive a renewal of energy from you, Lord.

Sunday 11th – Saturday 17th

During Loneliness Awareness Week, we pray for all those feeling isolated, may they find fellowship and support through our church communities. May they know that you are close, Lord. There is nowhere we can flee from your presence.

(Psalm 139:7)

11. On the Feast Day of Barnabas the Apostle, 'the son of encouragement', we reflect on his journeys with Paul as they shared the Gospel with the Gentiles, facing many trials. We pray for the same boldness in our own witness, help us to trust in you, Holy Spirit.

12. On the World Day Against Child Labour, we pray for young children around the world who are involved in work that is detrimental to their health and development. We give thanks for organisations working to defend children's rights to health, education and protection.

13. For the Holsworthy Mission Community, its clergy Richard Freeman, Stephen Skinner, and for all who live and worship in Highampton, Ashwater, Beaworthy, Black Torrington, Bradford with Cookbury, Bradworthy, Bridgerule, Bulkworthy, Abbots Bickington, Halwill, Thornbury, Hollacombe, Holsworthy, Milton Damerel, Putford, Pyworthy with Pancrasweek, Sutcombe, Tetcott with Luffincott, and Clawton.

14. For the Holyford Mission Community, its priest Steve Martin, and for all who live and worship in Southleigh, Northleigh, Musbury, Colyton, and Branscombe.

15. On Clean Air Day, we give thanks for organisations working to reduce air pollution. We remember Lord, that it's your breath in our lungs, and that you gave us the Earth to cherish and steward. We pray you would convict us to do what we can to protect all you have created.

16. For the Honiton Mission Community, its clergy Sue Roberts, LLM Julia Barrett, and for all who live and worship in Honiton with Monkton, Gittisham, Cotleigh, Combe Raleigh, Buckerell, and Awliscombe.

17. In our link with Cyprus and the Gulf, we pray for all those in training for ordained and lay ministry, may you give them strength and wisdom as they follow your call on their lives.

Sunday 18th – Saturday 24th

During Children's Hospice Week, we pray for children in hospice and palliative care across the UK. We give thanks for these services, providing vital support for seriously ill children and young people. We pray for your healing hand Lord, and that these children and their families would know the hope found in you.

18. On Father's Day we give thanks for our fathers and pray for those who find this day difficult due to loss, estrangement or past pain. We give thanks, that we can draw close to our Father in heaven whose love is steadfast and endures forever.

19. For the Hukeley Mission Community, its priest Kevin Chandra, LLM Nick Francombe, and for all who live and worship in Petton, Morebath, Huntsham, Clayhanger, and Bampton.

20. On World Refugee Day, we pray for all those fleeing from conflict, oppression, and injustice. We lament the lives of refugees that have been lost and give thanks for organisations and individuals supporting those without a place to rest their head.

21. For the Kingsbridge Estuary Churches Mission Community Mission Community, its priest Matthew Gorton, LLM Amanda Sarjeant, and for all who live and worship in West Alvington, Kingsbridge, and Dodbrooke.

22. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux, we pray for all Diocesan staff, may God bless them in their mission and ministry.

23. On International Widows' Day, we pray for over 250 million women across the globe who have lost their partners and now face injustice, uncertainty, and vulnerability. We remember that God is 'a father to the fatherless, a defender of widows' (*Psalm 68:5*). May we share your love with all those in need.

24. For the St Boniface Awards Service taking place today, we give thanks for all those receiving the award which honours lay people who have made an outstanding contribution to the life of the Church in Devon. We pray you would continue to bless them in their ministry and service.

By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.



EPHESIANS 2:8