

Sunday 23rd – Monday 31st

During National Marine Week, we give thanks for organisations who work to restore our oceans and protect marine life. Lord, help us to be good stewards of the seas you created and all the living creatures with which the waters swarm. We also pray for all those who rely on the oceans for their livelihoods, may you sustain them, Lord.

23. For the March for Men taking place today in aid of prostate cancer research, we pray for all those living with prostate cancer and for their friends and families, may they know the hope found in Jesus Christ. We give thanks for the vital work being done to prevent and treat prostate cancer and save men's lives.

24. On 24/7 Samaritans Awareness Day, we give thanks for the compassion of volunteers who give their time to listen to those in need. We pray for those who are struggling, may you give them courage to reach out for support, help us to listen to those around us and to love our neighbours as ourselves.

25. On the Feast Day of James the Apostle, one of the first disciples called by Jesus, and the first Apostle to be martyred, we remember his life and death. May we follow you with the same faith and count the cost of being your disciples.

26. For the Our Lady and All the Saints North Torquay Mission Community, its clergy Paul Jones, Nick Debney, Kenny Wickens, LLM Pamela Macey, and for all who live and worship in Barton, St Marychurch, and Babbacombe.

27. For the Our Lady of Glastonbury Mission Community, its priest David Bailey and for all who live and worship in Ernesettle, Whiteleigh, and Honicknowle.

28. In our link with Thika, we pray for the Namrata Shah Children's home where children come from desperate situations into a home where they will be loved and cared for. We ask for your provision as they seek to raise vital funds.

29. For the Paignton Mission Community, its priest Neil Knox, Lay Worker Jeffrey Hill, and for all who live and worship in Paignton.

30. On the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, we pray for all those who are exploited and abused and who currently live in slavery. We cry out for justice and pray you would break their chains; Give us eyes to see exploitation around us.

31. For the Paignton Christ Church Mission Community, its priest Ruth Beckett, and for all who live and worship in St Paul Preston, and Christ Church, Paignton.

Amen.



JULY PRAYER DIARY

Lord, we thirst for you, we need you every day, help us to seek you above all else. When we are downcast, help us to remember you are with us, remind us of our hope in you, our Saviour and our God. Amen.

Saturday 1st – Saturday 8th

As we mark National Bereaved Parents Day this week, we pray for all those who have lost children. Lord, we thank you that you are near to those who are in pain, that you yourself are 'acquainted with grief', and that one day you will wipe away every tear. Help us weep with those who weep and point them towards your steadfast love.

1. For all those being ordained as Deacons today at Exeter Cathedral, we give thanks for each of them and ask you to bless them. As you send them out Lord, we pray they would be led by the Holy Spirit and fixed on you, Jesus as they serve the people of Devon with joy.

2. For the Lyn Valley Mission Community, its priest Samantha Stayte, and for all who live and worship in Trentishoe, Parracombe, Martinhoe, Lynton, Countisbury, Brendon.

3. On the Feast Day of Thomas the Apostle, we remember his doubt upon hearing of Jesus' resurrection. We pray that we would be filled with faith and confess Jesus Christ as our Lord and saviour, believing even when we have not seen.

4. For the Malborough Mission Community, its priest Daniel French, LLM Debbie Plummer, and for all who live and worship in Malborough, Salcombe, and South Huish.

5. For the Modbury Mission Community, its clergy Matt Rowland, Ollie Long, LLM Gilbert Snook, and for all who live and worship in Ringmore, Modbury, Kingston, Bigbury, Aveton Gifford.

6. In our link with Bayeux-Lisieux, we pray for new priests and their parishes, and for seminarians. We also pray for the parishes, their clergy and people in the area of Douves-la-Delivrande.

7. For the Netherexe Parishes Mission Community, its clergy Tim Collins, Julia Hocking, Julia Dallen, LLM Laura Ford, and for all who live and worship in Upton Pyne, Thorverton, Stoke Canon with Huxham, Rewe with Nether Exe, Newton St Cyres, Cadbury, and Brampford Speke.

8. For the Newton Abbot Mission Community, its clergy Dave Brown, Gareth Regan, Ben Maynard, LLM Keith Butler, and for all who live and worship in Newton Abbot and Ogwell, and Milber.

Sunday 9th – Saturday 15th

This week, we commit each day to you Lord. Whatever situations come our way, may we honour you in our decisions, our words, and our actions. Holy Spirit, help us to 'throw off every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us.' (*Hebrews 12:1*)

9. In our link with Cyprus and the Gulf, we pray for all clergy and lay ministers in the Gulf Archdeaconry, may you fill them with joy as they serve your church, and help them to run the race with endurance, knowing you are with them.

10. For the North Creedy (East) Mission Community, its clergy Janet May, Robert Gordon, LLM Laura Armstrong, and for all who live and worship in Woolfardisworthy East, Washford Pyne, Stockleigh Pomeroy, Puddington, Poughill, Kennerleigh, and Cheriton Fitzpaine with Stockleigh English.

11. On World Population Day, we remember your command to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. We give thanks for each of the 8 billion people on the planet whom your hands have made, and we pray that all would know their creator. We recognise the great need in the world, empower us to be your witnesses.

12. For the North Kenn Team Mission Community, its priest Martin Wood, and for all who live and worship in Whitestone with Oldridge, Tedburn St Mary, Holcombe Burnell, and Cheriton Bishop.

13. For Spiritual Directors, who walk alongside others in their faith journey. We pray that God would give them wisdom and understanding as they disciple others, and that their own relationships with Jesus would grow stronger as they live out this calling.

14. For the North Taw Mission Community, its priest Caroline Raby, and for all who live and worship in West Down, Marwood, Heanton Punchardon, and Georgeham.

15. On World Youth Skills day we pray for the young people in our communities, that they would be empowered to explore their own passions and be ambitious in their aspirations. Help us to build up the young people in our lives, to encourage, support and disciple them.

Sunday 16th – Saturday 22nd

As the summer term ends in the coming weeks, we pray for schools and colleges, and their students, teachers and staff, may the summer bring rest and restoration. We also pray for those who are graduating from university, may they know that you are near God, as they enter a new season in their lives.

16. For the Northmoor Mission Community, its clergy Stephen Cook, Adrian Brook, Leigh Winsbury, Gill George, LLMs Michael Winter, Beverley Johnson, Carol Bache, Kerry Friend, and for all who live and worship in Sourton, Okehampton, Northlew, Meeth, Lydford, Jacobstowe, Inwardleigh, Hatherleigh, Germansweek, Exbourne, Bridestowe, Bratton Clovelly, and Belstone.

17. On the World Day for International Justice, we pray for wisdom and revelation in the hearts of world leaders, that they would turn from injustice. Lord, have mercy on the oppressed and vulnerable. Give us perseverance to seek justice, 'for the LORD is a God of justice'. (*Isaiah 30:18*)

18. On Nelson Mandela Day, we give thanks for his life and his legacy. May he continue to inspire us to pursue equality. We pray for the strength to speak up against injustice and to strive for a society that reflects the love of Christ.

19. For the Offwell Mission Community, its priest Jeremy Putnam, and for all who live and worship in Widworthy, Offwell, and Farway.

20. In our link with Melanesia, we give thanks for the Society of St Francis, and their advocacy work in Melanesia on unregulated and illegal logging. Lord, watch over the Brothers as they take on this difficult and sometimes dangerous work protecting their communities.

21. For the Otter Vale Mission Community, its clergy Lydia Cook, David Carrington, Mark Ward, LLMs David Williamson, Caroline Poultney, and for all who live and worship in West Hill, Tipton St John with Venn Ottery, Payhembury, Ottery St Mary, Newton Poppleford, Harpford, Feniton, Escot, Colaton Raleigh, and Alfington.

22. On the Feast Day of Mary Magdalene, we remember her devotion to Jesus, remaining by the cross during his crucifixion, and being the first to see him after his resurrection. May we all live lives devoted to you, giving thanks for all you've done for us.

As the deer pants for streams of water,
so my soul longs for You, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.



PSALM 42:1-2