

Sunday 24th – Thursday 30th

During Generosity week, we give thanks for the generosity of the body of Christ, which provides for the mission of the church, and for those outside its walls. We remember the story of the poor widow, who 'out of her poverty, gave everything, all she had to live on' (*Mark 12:44*). Freely we have received, help us to freely give.

24. We pray for all those being ordained as priests across the Diocese this weekend. We give thanks for their ministry and pray that you continue to give them wisdom and grow them in leadership as they serve your church.

25. For the Topsham Mission Community, its clergy Louise Grace, Margaret Stirling-Troy, and for all who live and worship in Topsham.

26. On the anniversary of the death of Wilson Carlile, founder of Church Army, we give thanks for his life and ministry. We pray for Church Army Evangelists across the UK, Holy Spirit give them boldness as they share the Good News with others.

27. For the Torquay Central Mission Community, its clergy Sam Leach, Peter March, Stephen Ball, Peter Jackson, LLM Edwina Corederoy, and for all who live and worship in Torquay St Luke, Torquay St John, Upton St Mary Magdalene, and All Saints Torre.

28. In our link with Thika, we pray for the Rt. Rev'd Julius Wanyoike, the Bishop of Thika and his wife Esther, President of the Mothers Union in Thika. May you bless them in their ministries.

29. For the Torquay West Mission Community, its clergy Paul Ireton, Samantha Stayte, Paul Evans, LLM Jeff Hacon, Stephen Vans-Colina, and for all who live and worship in Shiphay Collaton, and Cockington.

30. On International Translation Day, we give thanks for your word. We pray for all those translating the Bible into new languages for those who have not yet read it. May it be a lamp to their feet, which leads them to the figure at the centre of all scripture, Jesus Christ.

Lord, we wait for you, eagerly awaiting your return. In times of trouble, we take heart, knowing that you are coming back, as surely as the sun rises each day. Help us to place our hope in you, to rely on your word, and to stay awake, ready to meet you face-to-face.

Amen.



SEPTEMBER PRAYER DIARY

Friday 1st – Saturday 9th

During Creationtide, we pray you would help us protect and steward the earth you have given us. The symbol of the Season of Creation this year is a Mighty River, we join in praying – in the words of the prophet Amos – that justice would roll on like a river for those most impacted by climate injustice.

1. For the Shirwell Mission Community, its priest Rosie Austin, and for all who live and worship in Shirwell, Loxhore, Kentisbury, East Down with Arlington, Challacombe, and Bratton Fleming with Stoke Rivers.

2. For the South Dartmoor Mission Community, its clergy Paul Hinckley, James Harding, Frances French, Liz Grier, LLM Julie Hinckley, and for all who live and worship in Sparkwell, Ivybridge, Harford, and Cornwood.

3. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux, we pray for all those in Pastoral teams, especially those supporting parishes in various ministries. We also pray for parishes, their clergy and people in the area of Pont-L'Eveque.

4. For the Silverton Mission Community, its priest Paul Kingdom, and for all who live and worship in Silverton, Cadeleigh, Butterleigh, and Bickleigh.

5. On the International Day of Charity, we give thanks for charities across Devon who support the vulnerable and champion good causes. We pray particularly for Christian charities reaching out to those in need and sharing the love of Christ with them, we pray for provision and perseverance.

6. For the Sid Valley Mission Community, its clergy David Caporn, Kim Mathers, Matthew Selman, Laura Selman, Nigel Candelent, Sarah Mounoury, LLMs John Dunster, Carolyn Croft, and for all who live and worship in Woolbrook, Sidmouth, Sidbury with Sidford, Salcombe Regis, and All Saints Sidmouth.

7. For all teachers and educational staff in Devon, particularly those in CofE schools. We give thanks for their commitment to the growth and development of children and young people, please give them wisdom and compassion and sustain them in their vocation.

8. For the South Molton Mission Community, its clergy Michael Grandey, David Coleman, Chris Pouncey, LLM Deborah Bayliss, and for all who live and worship in Warkleigh with Satterleigh, South Molton with Nymet St. George, Kingsnympton, Filleigh, Chittlehampton with UMBERLEIGH, and Chittlehamholt.

9. For the Start Bay Mission Community, its priest Mark Neave, LLMs Andy McMullin, Ken Ball, and for all who live and worship in South Pool, Slapton, East Portlemouth, Chivelstone, Charleton, and Buckland-Tout-Saints.

Sunday 10th – Saturday 16th

At the beginning of a new academic year, we pray for all students and staff in our schools and colleges. May this new year bring renewed energy, patience, and compassion, particularly for the teachers as they shape the lives of our young people.

10. On World Suicide Prevention Day, we give thanks for services which offer support and a listening ear. We pray that those who need it would seek help, and that we would be vigilant to notice those in our lives who are feeling hopeless. We pray they would know the hope found in Christ.

11. For the Tamar Mission Community, its clergy Andy Atkins, Philip Conway, Phill Parker, LLM Richard Searight, and for all who live and worship in Thrushelton, Stowford, Milton Abbot with Dunterton, Marystowe, Lifton, Lew Trenchard, Lamerton with Sydenham Damerel, Kelly with Bradstone, Coryton, and Broadwoodwidge.

12. In our link with the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, we pray for the Mission to Seafarers ordained and lay Port Chaplains who operate in the Diocese, carrying out vital work that allows seafarers to continue doing their jobs.

13. For the Tamerton Foliot and Southway Mission Community, its priest Gerda van Ommeren, and for all who live and worship in Tamerton Foliot and Southway.

14. On Holy Cross Day, we pray that we would see the cross of Christ with fresh eyes, help us each day to remember the suffering He endured to redeem the world, and to give thanks for His boundless grace. Give us the strength to pick up our own cross and follow Him.

15. For the Tavy Mission Community, its clergy Matt Godfrey, Sean Brassil, Judith Blowey, Hazel Butland, Rosie Illingworth, LLMs Anne Palfrey, Wendy Roderick Hake, Liz Bastin, Amanda Harris, Sally Pancheri, Bob Owens, and for all who live and worship in Whitchurch, Tavistock, Peter Tavy, Mary Tavy, Gulworthy, and Brent Tor.

16. For the Teign Valley and Haldon Hill Mission Community, its priest Ruth Frampton, and for all who live and worship in Dunsford, Dunchideock, Doddiscombsleigh, Christow, Bridford, and Ashton.

Sunday 17th – Saturday 23rd

As students arrive or return to our cities, we pray for all of those starting university in the coming weeks. We pray that throughout this year they would have opportunities to encounter you. We pray particularly for those who are leaving home for the first time, that they would learn to rely on you.

17. We pray for Bishop Robert's Farewell Service taking place at Exeter Cathedral today, we give thanks for the years he has spent serving your church and particularly as our Bishop. We pray for your blessing on his retirement, knowing you will continue to work in and through him for your glory.

18. For the Three Rivers Mission Community, its priest David Sayle, and for all who live and worship in Ugborough, Saint Peter Harbertonford, Moreleigh, Harberton, Halwell, Ermington, and Diptford with North Huish.

19. On Youth Mental Health Day, we pray for all young people struggling with their mental health, that they would not feel alone or afraid, but would know that God is near to all those who call on Him. We give thanks for youth work in our churches and pray you would equip us to support young people.

20. In our link with Melanesia, we remember the anniversary of the martyrdom of Bishop John Coleridge Patteson, may we be inspired

by his commitment to share the gospel and his willingness to follow the call of God, may his death remind us of the cost of following you, Jesus.

21. On the Feast Day of Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, we remember his life as a follower of Jesus, and give thanks for his Gospel, which testifies that Jesus is the promised Messiah, the fulfilment of all of God's promises. Please teach us and remind us of these truths as we read the words of Matthew.

22. For the Three Wells Mission Community, its priest Michael Wilkie, LLMs Ian Firth, John Dunn, and for all who live and worship in Kingskerswell, Coffinswell, Abbotskerswell.

23. For the Tiverton Mission Community, its clergy Andy Humm, Christian Hill Charles Wheeler, Richard Maudsley, Miriam Brandon-Wheeler, LLMs Tim Bradshaw, David Catchpole, Jude Taylor, and for all who live and worship in Tiverton and Chevithorne with Cove.

I wait for the Lord, my whole being
waits, and in his word I put my hope.
I wait for the Lord more than
watchmen wait for the morning.

PSALM 130:5-6