

Sunday 21st – Wednesday 31st

This week marks Parent Mental Health Day, we pray for parents struggling with their mental health, that they would find support and comfort, free from any stigma or judgement. May your church be a place of true family and community.

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

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

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

24. On the International Day of Education, we pray for all teachers and school 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 sustain them in their vocation, Lord.

25. On the Feast Day of the Conversion of Paul, we remember that an encounter with you transformed a persecutor of your people into your chosen instrument, who carried the gospel to many nations. Lord, thank you that you turn lives around, teach us through the words and actions of your apostle, Paul.

26. On the Feast Day of Timothy and Titus, we remember the lives of Paul's friends and missionary companions. Lord, teach us through their lives what it means to boldly share the gospel and to care for and encourage your church, being faithful to the truth of your word.

27. On Holocaust Memorial Day, we lament the deaths of the six million Jews killed during the Holocaust. Lord, we know that you are a God of justice and of forgiveness, help us stand with those who are suffering today. We long for the day you will put an end to evil.

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

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

30. Our link with Thika, we pray for the Cathedral Archdeaconry, for Archdeacon Joyce Kabuba, and for the clergy and people in the parishes of Kiganjo East, Happy Valley, Juja, Kenyatta Road and Makongeni.

31. For the Holsworthy Mission Community, its clergy Alison Hardy, Dr Paul Fitzpatrick, Stephen Skinner, Michael Berrett, LLM Mary Aicheler, 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.



JANUARY PRAYER DIARY

Reflecting on the words of Philippians 3:13-14, we pray:

Lord, thank you that your mercies are new every morning, and that you forgive us every time we fall short. Help us to move forward this year instead of looking backward, to keep running the race you have set before us, towards the ultimate goal of eternity with you.

Monday 1st – Saturday 6th

As a New Year begins and we make plans for the year ahead, help us to hold them loosely, may our main desire be to serve you, to learn more about you, to spend more time with you, and to tell others about you, praying in all things that your will would be done.

1. On New Year's Day, we reflect on the highs and lows from the year that has passed, thank you that you were with us through it all, teaching us and comforting us. May we hold onto you this year, knowing you will continue to show us the way.

2. On St Basil's Day, we remember the life of Basil of Caesarea who cared for the sick and hungry and transformed lives in the name of Jesus. We give thanks for St Basil's church in Devon, and pray that you would continue to stir this growing community as they follow the way of Jesus and bless their local area.

3. For the Devonport Mission Community, its clergy Tim Buckley, Sue Nicholas, Ruth Sayers, LLM John Wright, and for all who live and worship in Devonport St Aubyn, and Devonport St Michael and St Barnabas.

4. In our link with Melanesia, we remember the first Christian missionaries who took the good news across the islands of Melanesia in the 19th century by boat, and we pray for those on mission today: 'Let your Spirit be my sail that carries me through each day.'

5. For the Dunkeswell Mission Community, its clergy Nigel Candulent, Jane Penn, and for all who live and worship in Upottery, Sheldon, Plymtree, Luppitt, Dunkeswell, and Broadhembury.

6. On Epiphany, we remember the Wise Men who followed the star to meet their new king, to bow before him and worship him, presenting him with gifts. May we share their hearts of adoration, giving thanks for how we were led to meet him. May we present our lives as offerings to the King.

Sunday 7th – Saturday 13th

As a new school term begins, we pray for pupils in schools across Devon. We pray that this year would bring renewed energy and enthusiasm. We give thanks for the links between our churches and schools and pray that they would have opportunities to share the good news with young people.

7. For the people of Ukraine, many of whom will be celebrating Orthodox Christmas today. We pray that the celebration of Christ's birth would bring hope where there is despair. We also pray for Ukrainian families living in Devon and give thanks for those hosting them.

8. For the East Clyst Churches Mission Community, its clergy Marc Kerslake, Jon Holder, Gudrun Thomas, Rachel Dunn, Rich Brooks, LLMs Mary Franklin, Sandra Parker, Jude Carter, Ian Spicer, Robert Brierley, and for all who live and worship in Whimble, Talaton, Sowton, Rockbeare, Clyst St Lawrence, Clyst Hydon, Clyst Honiton, and BroadclySt

9. For St Mark's, Exeter its clergy Tanya Hockley-Still, Julie Wheeler and LLMs Tina Smith and David Smith; For Whipton St Boniface, its clergy Carl Robinson, Dan O'Hara, and for all who live and worship in Whipton St Boniface and St Mark Exeter.

10. 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, we give thanks for all those who disciple and lead others into roles serving your church.

11. For the Edgemoor Mission Community, its clergy Dominic Coad, Alison Rogers, 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.

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

13. 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.

Sunday 14th – Saturday 20th

This week, we're praying for all those who have not heard the good news, particularly our friends and family. We trust in your timing Lord, but we pray for breakthrough this year. Thank you that you made a way for all people to be with you, through your son, Jesus, who sacrificed himself in our place.

14. For Exeter Network Church, their clergy Jon Soper, Sam Randall, Bob Wallington, and for all who worship there.

15. On the 3rd Monday of January, often referred to as 'Blue Monday', we pray for all those struggling with their mental health, particularly those who are anxious about what this year holds. Lord, thank you that you are near, and we can bring our struggles to you in prayer, please fill us with your peace.

16. For the Five Alive East Devon Mission Community, its priest Julie Lomas, LLMs Chris Shepherd, Gill Heighway, Anna Crabbe, and for all who live and worship in Yarcombe, Stockland, Shute, Kilmington, and Dalwood.

17. For the Five Red Churches Mission Community, its clergy John Williams, Julia Hocking, LLMs Faith Wood, John Trickett, and for all who live and worship in Powderham, Kenton with Mamhead, Kenn, and Exminster.

18. During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we reflect on this year's theme: 'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself' (Luke 10:27). Lord, help us to recognise that to love you is to love your people. Teach us what it means to be united amid division and disagreement. May we remember that the church is the beloved bride of Christ.

19. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we give thanks for all ecumenical prayer meetings taking place in Normandy.

20. For the Forder Valley Mission Community, its clergy Tatty Wilson, Ann Hosking, Keith Murphy, and for all who live and worship in Egguckland with Estover.

Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 3:13-14