

Sunday 21st – Tuesday 30th

During World Immunisation Week, we pray for communities around the world that do not have the same access to medicine and vaccines as we do. Lord, would you burden our hearts for the less fortunate, and stir us to act for the good of our international neighbours.

21. On World Creativity and Innovation Day, we celebrate the tapestry of the family of God and all the creativity within it, reflecting our creator God. Help us to continue to discover new ways to serve the church and to share your Good News with the world.

22. For the Sherford Church of England Community Church, its priest Tom Brassil, LLM Andrew Williams, and for all who live and worship in Sherford.

23. On St George's Day, we remember the life and death of St George, who was killed for refusing to deny his faith in Christ. May we be convicted by his resolve, and may his faith remind us of the cost of following you, Lord.

24. In our link with Melanesia, we mark the anniversary of the seven martyred Melanesian Brothers who gave their lives peacebuilding in the Solomon Islands: Nathaniel Sado, Robin Lindsay, Francis Tofi, Alfred Hilly, Patteson Gatu, Ini Partabatu and Tony Sirihi. 'Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called sons of God.' (*Matthew 5:9*)

25. On the Feast Day of Mark the Evangelist, we give thanks for his Gospel, which proclaims that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, whose death paid the price for our sins. We pray that as we dwell on your word, we would know these truths more deeply.

26. For the churches of the Shirwell Mission Community, their 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.

27. For the churches of the Sid Valley Mission Community, their clergy David Caporn, Kim Mathers, Matthew Selman, Laura Selman, Victoria Chester, Sarah Mounoury, LLMs Carole Hawkins, John Dunster, Peter Byrd, Carolyn Croft, Peter Scott, and for all who live and worship in Woolbrook, Sidmouth, Sidbury with Sidford, Salcombe Regis, and All Saints Sidmouth.

28. In our link with Thika, we pray for Ven. Solomon Thiga, and for the clergy, parishes, and all who live and worship in the Gatundu Archdeaconry. We give thanks for churches undergoing the 'Umoja' Church and Community Development Process and pray it would bear fruit.

29. For the churches of the Silverton Mission Community, their priest Paul Kingdom, and for all who live and worship in Silverton, Cadeleigh, Butterleigh, and Bickleigh.

30. For the churches of the South Dartmoor Mission Community, their clergy Paul Hinckley, James Harding, Liz Grier, LLM Julie Hinckley, and for all who live and worship in Sparkwell, Ivybridge, Harford, and Cornwood.



APRIL PRAYER DIARY

Reflecting on the words of Psalm 40:5, we pray:

Dear God, we take a moment to remember and give thanks for everything you have done for us, for all the wonders you have performed in our lives and throughout history. Most of all we thank you for saving us through your son Jesus, may we recount all your wondrous deeds, and share them with others, for your glory. Amen.

Monday 1st – Saturday 6th

During the Easter school holiday, we pray for teachers, staff, and pupils, that they would find rest. We also pray for churches planning holiday clubs, would you give them energy as they serve children and families in our communities, and share the love of Christ with them.

1. For the churches of the St Bartholomew and St Mark Ford Mission Community, their priest Richard Silk, and for all who live and worship in Devonport St Bartholomew and St Mark Ford.

2. On World Autism Awareness Day, we give thanks for organisations working to increase awareness and acceptance of autism. Teach us to have empathy, and treat one another with dignity, may your church be a place where all feel welcome.

3. For the churches of the St Boniface, St Budeaux and St Philip Mission Community, their priest Michael Doyle, LLMs Martin Clements, Joanna Bound, Elizabeth Dickens, and for all who live and worship in St Philip, Weston Mill, St Budeaux, and St Boniface, Devonport.

4. For the churches of the St David Mission Community, their priest Ash Leighton Plom, LLMs David Blundell, Charlotte Townsend, Ian Cartwright, Bill Pattinson, and for all who live and worship in Exeter St David.

5. On the International Day of Conscience, we pray for a culture of peace, knowing that all people are made in the image of God and should be treated with dignity.

6. For the St James Mission Community, their priest Henry Pryse, LLM Joan Ridgway, and for all who live and worship in St James, Exeter.

Sunday 7th – Saturday 13th

During Stress Awareness Month, we pray for everyone feeling overwhelmed by stress. We pray for your supernatural peace and remember Jesus' invitation to "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

7. In our link with Bayeux Lisieux, we pray for the Basilica at Lisieux, for all its staff and visitors, may they encounter you afresh. We also pray for the parishes, their clergy all who worship in the area of Lisieux.

8. For the St Jude Mission Community, their priest Tim Smith, LLMs Jackie Yates, Peter Hadden, Jane Sanham, and for all who live and worship in St Jude Plymouth.

9. On the anniversary of the martyrdom of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, we reflect on his prayer written from prison: 'You know all man's troubles; You abide with me When all men fail me; It is Your will that I should know You And turn to You. Lord, I hear Your call and follow; Help me.'

10. On National Siblings Day we pray for our families, and give thanks for our brothers and sisters in the church. We have all been adopted into the family of God, may we be devoted to one another in love, honouring one another above ourselves. (Romans 12:10)

11. On World Parkinson's Day, we pray for all those living with Parkinson's, each with different symptoms and different experiences. We give thanks for organisations offering support and researching to find a cure.

12. For the churches of the St Leonard Mission Community, their clergy Simon Austen, Chris Keane, Paul Sutton, and for all who live and worship in St Leonard with Holy Trinity.

13. For the churches of the St Matthias Mission Community, their clergy John Beckett, Paul Barton, Claire Reynolds, LLM Norma Gerry, and for all who live and worship in St Matthias, St Mark and Holy Trinity.

Sunday 14th – Saturday 20th

During the Easter Season, we remember the Great Commission the resurrected Jesus gave his followers: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them... and teaching them..." (Matt. 28:16-20) Lord, thank you that you are with us always, give us boldness to share the good news we have received with the whole world.

14. For the churches of the St Pancras Mission Community, their clergy Lawrence Braschi, Duncan Hollands, Phillip Baul, LLMs Mariska Minter, Paul Lumb, and for all who live and worship in St Pancras, Pennycross.

15. In our link with Cyprus and the Gulf, we pray for the Archdeacon of Cyprus, Ven. Christopher Futchter, may God bless him in his ministry. We also pray for the clergy, parishes, and all who live and worship in Cyprus.

16. For the churches of the St Peter and the Holy Apostles Mission Community, their priest David Way, LLM Ben Otley, and for all who live and worship in Plymouth St Peter and the Holy Apostles.

17. For the churches of the Sampford Peverell Mission Community, their priest Glyn Lewry, LLM Mandy Lewry, and for all who live and worship in Uplowman, Sampford Peverell, Holcombe Rogus, Hockworthy, Halberton, and Burlescombe.

18. For the churches of the Seaton and Beer Coastal Mission Community, their priest Justin Montague, and for all who live and worship in Seaton and Beer.

19. On Early Years Teachers Day, we give thanks for those working in early childhood development, particularly those nurturing Christian values in young children. Help them explore new ways of engaging with children, and sustain them in their vocation.

20. For the churches of the Shaldon Mission Community, LLMs Hugh McCormick, Ruth Bettsworth, and for all who live and worship in Stokeinteignhead, Shaldon, Haccombe, and Combeinteignhead.

Many, O Lord my God, are the wonders you have done... Were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

PSALM 40:5