# CHURCH OF ENGLAND DEVON PRAYERS

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# Sun 27<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> March

This week we pray – Give your people grace to hear and receive your word, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

- 27. On Easter Sunday we pray God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
- 28. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux in France we are asked to pray for the Bishop of Bayeux-Lisieux Mgr Jean-Claude Boulanger and the Vicar-General P. Xavier Signarout.
- 29. Pray for the Exeter Network Church Mission Community, their priest Jon Soper, and for all who live and worship in the community.
- 30. Hold in prayer the Torbay Deanery, especially their Rural Dean Paul Jones, Lay Chair Christopher Goldsmith, Secretary Robert Osmond and Treasurer Stephen Macey.
- 31. For the Five Alive Mission Community, their clergy Simon Holloway and Anne Mills, reader Gill Heighway, and for all who live and worship in Yarcombe, Stockland, Shute, Kilmington and Dalwood.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." Matthew 26:36

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## Tues 1st - Sat 5th March

This week thank God for the positive outcome of the Climate Conference in Paris and pray that this will remain a key topic for prayer and action in this Climate Week (3-9 March)

- 1. Pray for the Clyst Mission Community; clergy Mike Partridge and Steve Dyson; Reader Sandra Parker and for all who live and worship in Clyst Honiton, Rockbeare, Sowton, Broadclyst and Pinhoe.
- 2. Today we pray for Penny Hammett, Executive Headteacher of Awliscombe & Payhembury Federation (Awliscombe VA and Payhembury VC Primary Schools).
- 3. From our link with the Diocese of Thika in Kenya we are asked to pray for seasonal rain to produce a good harvest and for the development of more resilient farming methods to cope with the changing climate which makes the seasons unpredictable.
- 4. On this Women's World Day of Prayer we join with women all around the world in prayers written by the women of Cuba. The theme 'Receive children. Receive me' is based on Mark 10:13-16 and is a reminder that everyone is a child of God and equally worthy of love and respect. (www.wwdp.org.uk)
- 5. Please pray for the work of the diocesan Safeguarding team: Catherine Allen, Christine Hindle and Sarah Miller.



#### Sun 6<sup>th</sup> – Sat 12<sup>th</sup> March

During this week pray for God's blessing on all parents and all who care for children. Ask God to strengthen those families living under stress and for God's peace to be felt by all in need.

- On Mothering Sunday we pray God of love, passionate and strong, tender
  and careful: watch over us and hold us all
  the days of our life; through Jesus Christ
  our Lord.
- 7. Pray for the Coast & Combe Mission Community; clergy Michael Rogers, Giles King-Smith, John Roles and Linda Walters; Reader Sally-Ann Molligoda and for all in the communities of Bittadon, Ilfracombe, Lee, Mortehoe and Woolacombe.
- 8. Hold in prayer the Crediton Mission Community; clergy Nigel Guthrie, Paul Fillery; Reader Carol Price and for all living and worshipping in Crediton, Shobrooke and Sandford with Upton Hellions.
- Pray for the Cullompton Mission Community; their priest Edward Hobbs; Readers Katharyn Mumby, Celia Fox, Chris Russell and Simon Friend and for all in the community.
- 10. We give thanks for our links with Melanesia and we are asked to pray for all the staff, ordained and laity who work for the Anglican Church of Melanesia as they seek to be like Christ in thought, word and action, worshipping God in spirit and truth and demonstrating God's love by responding to human needs in loving service.
- 11. We pray for the ministry of the Archdeacon of Totnes, Douglas Dettmer and ask God's blessing on him.
- 12. Pray for the Diocesan Synod meeting today.

#### Sun 13<sup>th</sup> – Sat 19<sup>th</sup> March

In this week pray that there will be new opportunities to tell the Easter story in a way that connects with people where they are.

- 13. As Passiontide begins we pray Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 14. For the Culm Valley Mission Community, their clergy Simon Talbot, Selina Garner and Jill Purser, Reader Chris Russell and for all who live and worship in Willand, Uffculme, Kentisbeare.
- 15. For the Dartmouth & Dittisham Mission Community, their clergy Will Hazlewood and Nick Debney and for all in the communities of Dittisham, Dartmouth Saint Clement (Townstal).
- 16. For the Dunkeswell Mission Community, their priest Rik Peckham, and for all who live and worship in Upottery, Sheldon, Luppitt, Dunkeswell, Broadhembury.
- 17. Please pray for the Bishop of Plymouth, Nick McKinnel and his PA Helen Filewod.
- Pray for Katie Gray Executive Headteacher of the Jubilee Federation (Broadhembury VC, Farway VA and Branscombe VC Primary Schools).
- 19. Pray for the East Exeter Mission Community, their clergy Jane Ollier, John Byatt, Andrew Johnson and Tors Ramsey, Readers Tina Smith, John Trickett and David Smith, and for all who live and worship in Whipton Saint Boniface, Saint Sidwell and Saint Matthew Exeter. Saint Mark Exeter.

### Sun 20<sup>th</sup> – Sat 26<sup>th</sup> March

This week pray for fresh vision for God's Church. That it may be filled with love and truth and be ready to respond when someone is in need.

- 20. On this Palm Sunday we pray True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross which is the path of glory.
- 21. Please pray for the Edgemoor Mission Community, their clergy David Baker and Chris Whinney, and for all who live and worship in West Anstey, Rose Ash, North Molton with Twitchen, Molland, Mariansleigh, Knowstone, High Bray, East Anstey, Charles, Bishopsnympton..
- 22. Remember the Elburton Mission Community, their clergy Tom Brassil and Tony Williams, Reader Alan Hart and for all who live and worship in Elburton.
- 23. Hold in prayer our link Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf. Pray for their Retreats Ministry. Pray for those who bring energy and depth to the work of giving others time and space.
- 24. On this Maundy Thursday we pray God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end and drank the cup prepared for him: may we who share his table watch with him through the night of suffering and be faithful.

- 25. On this Good Friday we pray Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus we see the cost of our sin and the depth of your love: in humble hope and fear may we place at his feet all that we have and all that we are, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 26. On Easter Eve we pray In the depths of our isolation we cry to you, Lord God: give light in our darkness and bring us out of the prison of our despair; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

