

Sun 25th – Sat 31st December

This week we thank God that we can trust in his light and love to shine through even in the darkest times and as we anticipate a New Year ahead we pray for this light to be glimpsed by all in need.

- 25. On Christmas Day we pray Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen.
- 26. On this feast day of St Stephen we thank God for all he did to help feed the poor and pray that we may be inspired by the example of all the saints.
- 27. For the East Exeter Mission Community, their clergy John Byatt, Tors Ramsey, Andrew Johnson, Readers John Trickett, Tina Smith, David Smith and for all who live and worship in Whipton Saint Boniface, Saint Sidwell and Saint Matthew Exeter and Saint Mark Exeter.
- 28. On this Feast of the Holy Innocents pray for the well-being of all children known to you and ask for God's protection for all those young people in any sort of danger.
- 29. For the Edgemoor Mission Community, their clergy David Baker, Penny Lawson, Alastair Forman 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.
- 30. For the Elburton Mission Community, their clergy Tom Brassil and James Croucher, Reader Alan Hart and for all who live and worship in Elburton.
- 31. On New Year's Eve we pray for hearts that are open to all that is to come. Help us Lord to live each day in the most loving ways and let us serve all who are in need.

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Prayers

Thur 1st – Sat 3rd December

As Advent gets underway we pray: God of hope be with us in our Advent journey to the stable and beyond, be with us in our meeting and in our travelling together, be with us in our worship and our praying together, be with us in our Advent journey to the stable and beyond. Amen

“Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.’ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.’”

LUKE 2:13-15

- 1. On World Aids Day we pray: *Loving God be present with all HIV positive persons and their families in this and every land, that they may be strengthened in their search for health, wholeness and abundant living, through Christ our Companion. Amen*
- 2. Pray for Bishop Sarah for her time in the Barnstaple Deanery on the Bishops in Mission initiative today until 4th.
- 3. In our link with Melanesia we are asked to pray for the Diocese of Malaita and for the safe travel of people throughout Melanesia as many return to their home islands for the Advent season. And for the Religious Orders out on mission around the province.



Sun 4th – Sat 10th December

This week as we mark World Human Rights Day let us recommit ourselves to working and praying for the fundamental freedoms and rights of all.

4. For the Coast & Combe Mission Community, their clergy Michael Rogers, John Roles, Giles King-Smith, Linda Walters, Murray Aldridge-Collins, Reader Sally-Ann Molligoda and for all who live and worship in Woolacombe, Morteohoe, Lee, Ilfracombe St Philip and St James, Ilfracombe, Bittadon.
5. Pray for the meeting of the Diocesan Advisory Council today as they offer advice, recommendations and support to parishes on the care of church buildings.
6. Pray for our Further Education Chaplains and especially those working to support staff and students at Exeter College: Tom Honey and Diversity Officer Deborah Reid.
7. Please pray for those leading and all attending the safeguarding training today in Exeter.
8. Pray for Lead Chaplain Simon Leigh at Mount Gould Hospital, Plymouth and for all who work as part of the chaplaincy team. Pray for all hospital chaplains at Christmas-time as they care for those separated from their families.
9. For the Crediton Mission Community, their clergy Nigel Guthrie, Paul Fillery, Helen Drever, Reader Carol Price and for all who live and worship in Shobrooke, Sandford with Upton Hellions and Crediton.
10. On International Human Rights Day we pray: *Lord of all, help us to uphold the values that are so central to who we are: human beings created in the image of God. Help us to recognize that the inherent dignity of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world. Amen*

Sun 11th – Sat 17th December

Pray for all who are homeless or lonely at this time. Pray that they will see the love of God in the kind actions of those around them who seek to help.

11. Pray for the parish of Milber in Newton Abbot. For Reader Graham Whittle and for all who live there and worship in St Luke's Church.
12. For the Clyst Mission Community, their clergy Mike Partridge, Bernard Lane, Reader Sandra Parker and for all who live and worship in Sowton, Rockbeare, Pinhoe, Clyst Honiton and Broadclyst.
13. Hold in prayer the Ottery Deanery, Rural Dean Cate Edmonds, Lay Chair Shirley-Ann Williams and Treasurer Judy Davis.
14. For the Cullompton Mission Community, their priest Edward Hobbs, Readers Simon Friend, Celia Fox, Katharyn Mumby and for all who live and worship in Cullompton.
15. In our link with the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf we pray for good governance of the diocese by bishop and synod and all who offer their wisdom and commitment.
16. For the Culm Valley Mission Community, their clergy Simon Talbot, Jill Purser, Reader Chris Russell and for all who live and worship in Willand, Uffculme and Kentisbeare.
17. For the Dart Valley Mission Community, their clergy Tom Benson, Marisa Cockfield and for all who live and worship in Staverton with Landscope, Littlehempston, Dean Prior and Buckfastleigh.

Sun 18th – Sat 24th December

As our churches welcome many visitors to church services and events over the Christmas period, pray that all may experience the love of Emmanuel, God with us.

18. In our link with Thika we are asked to pray for Ven Joyce Kabuba and the clergy and people of Ruiru Archdeaconry on the edge of Nairobi. The 12 parishes are expanding rapidly and include Ruiru which is linked with Devonport.
19. Please pray for the work of our CofE Headteachers around our diocese and in particular for Head Teacher Tracy Hoare at Wolborough Primary School, Newton Abbot. Pray for a restful break, with quality time to spend with family and friends.
20. For the Dartmouth & Dittisham Mission Community, their clergy Will Hazlewood, Nick Debney and for all who live and worship in Dittisham, Dartmouth Saint Clement (Townstal).
21. Pray for the Archdeacon of Totnes, the Ven Douglas Dettmer and his PA Chris Brathwaite.
22. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux in France we are asked to pray for religious life in the diocese and their communities and for an increase in vocations to the religious life and to ordained ministry.
23. For the Dunkeswell Mission Community, their priest Rik Peckham and for all who live and worship in Upottery, Sheldon, Luppitt, Dunkeswell and Broadhembury.
24. On Christmas Eve we pray: *Almighty God, as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

