

# CHURCH OF ENGLAND DEVON

## Prayers

### Sun 1st – Sat 7th January

As the New Year gets underway thank God for his constant love and for the opportunities the New Year holds to share God's love with all we meet.

1. On New Year's Day thank God for the life of our churches and pray for the ministry team and all in leadership roles, for fresh vision and energy for the year ahead.
2. For the Edgemoor Mission Community, their clergy David Baker, Alastair Forman, Penny Lawson, Distinctive Deacon Christopher Whinney, Readers Richard Holloway, Howard Friend and Graham Cuthbert 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.
3. In our link with Melanesia we are asked to pray for the Bishop of Temotu, the Rt Revd Leonard Dawea & the Bishop of Ysabel the Rt Revd Ellison Quity both attending the conference for Bishops in the Early Years of their Ministry in Canterbury. The Bishops will also be making a short visit to Exeter Diocese. We are also asked to pray for the Diocese of Guadalcanal and its Bishop, Rt Revd Nathan Tome.
4. For the Elburton Mission Community, their priest Tom Brassil, Reader Alan Hart and for all who live and worship in Elburton.
5. For the Exeter Network Church Mission Community, their priest Jon Soper and for all who live and worship in Exeter.
6. At Epiphany we pray - Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
7. For the Five Alive Mission Community, their priest Simon Holloway, Reader Gill Heighway and for all who live and worship in Yarcombe, Stockland, Shute, Kilmington and Dalwood.



## Sun 8th – Sat 14th January

This week as we think about Christ's baptism we pray for ourselves that we may recall afresh our baptism promises and seek to live as faithful people of God.

8. Today as we celebrate the baptism of Christ we pray: Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen
9. For the Five Red Churches Mission Community, their clergy John Williams, Mark Lord-Lear, Reader Ceri Lee and for all who live and worship in Powderham, Kenton with Mamhead, Kenn and Exminster.
10. Pray for our Further Education Chaplains and especially Andy Bowden working to support staff and students at All Saints Academy, Plymouth.
11. For the Four Ways Mission Community, their priest Shaun O'Rourke, Readers Peter Rozzell, Christopher James and for all who live and worship in West Buckland, Swimbridge, Landkey and East Buckland.
12. Pray for Co-ordinating Chaplain Martin Manley and chaplains Angela Sumner and Sally White working at Torbay Hospital, and for all who work as part of the chaplaincy team.
13. For the Fremington Mission Community, their clergy Steve Goodbody, Keith Brimacombe, Reader Vicky Dando and for all who live and worship in Westleigh, Instow and Fremington.
14. For the Georgeham Mission Community, their priest Michael Newbon, Reader Ian Huggett, and for all who live and worship in Georgeham.

*“For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”*  
*Jeremiah 29:11*

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## Sun 15th – Sat 21st January

Pray for Church unity this week as churches organise ecumenical events as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18-25 Jan)

15. For the Goodrington Mission Community, their priest Gary Deighton and for all who live and worship in Goodrington and Collaton St Mary.
16. Pray for Charles Pitman as he starts as Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser today.
17. Hold in prayer the Aylesbeare Deanery, Rural Dean James Hutchings and Chapter Clerk Mike Partridge.
18. For the Haldon Mission Community, their clergy Roderick Withnell, Stephen West, Sue Astbury, Val Atkinson and for all who live and worship in Teignmouth West, Teignmouth East, Ideford with Luton, Bishopsteignton and Ashcombe.
19. In our link with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux in France we pray for all ecumenical prayer meetings taking place this week in Normandy as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and for all those involved in an exchange of preachers.
20. For the Hartland Team Mission Community, their clergy Brenda Jacobs, Wendy Mitchell, Kevin Beer, Jane Hayes, Readers Margaret Rickard, Andrew Macwilliam and for all who live and worship in Woolfardisworthy West, Welcombe, Parkham, Lundy, Hartland, Clovelly, Bucks Mills, Buckland Brewer and Alwington.
21. Pray for the meeting of Bishop's Diocesan Council today; for good listening and healthy debate.



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## Sun 22nd – Sat 28th January

This week spend time praying for all who are lonely, cold and homeless. Consider ways that your actions could make a difference to someone in need?

22. On Homeless Sunday we celebrate all the work that tackles the problem and for those who challenge the causes of homelessness. Pray for the work of the YMCA around our diocese.
23. Please pray for the work of our CofE Headteachers around our diocese and in particular for Chief Executive Officer Mrs L Atkinson and Head of Academy Miss L Garside at All Saints Primary School, Marsh. Pray for all staff and children.
24. In our link with Thika we are asked to pray for Ven Stephen Nduati and the clergy and people of Thika Memorial Archdeaconry and to pray for our linked parishes of Ngoingwa and Thika Memorial.
25. Pray for the Archdeacon of Barnstaple, the Ven Mark Butchers and his PA Jacque Ward.
26. Please pray for all staff in the diocesan office in Exeter. Thank God for their commitment to the work of the churches, schools and wider society throughout our diocese.
27. Pray for Bishop Nick: for his time in the Torrington Deanery on the Bishops in Mission initiative today until 29th.
28. In our link with Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf we pray for the business of synod to be focussed on through the year by those who serve on the Bishop's Council and Standing and Finance Committees.

## Sun 29th – Tue 31st January

Over the next few days take time to look at snowdrops, thank God for their beauty and for signs of new life as bulbs begin to show.

29. Pray for Bishop Sarah: for her time in the Totnes Deanery on the Bishops in Mission initiative today until 31st.
30. Pray for the work of Church and Society. For Martyn Goss, Director, Sally Farrant, Social Responsibility Officer and Julia Neville.
31. For the Heavitree Mission Community, their clergy Robin Eastoe, Jolyon Seward and for all who live and worship in Saint Mary Steps, Heavitree with St Paul Exeter.

