

## Sun 26th – Fri 31st March

This week pray for the flourishing and well-being of all mothers, carers and children. Pray for a particular young person close to you.

- 26. On Mothering Sunday we thank you God for all mothers and carers around the world, and for all they do for their children. We thank you for their patience when we don't get things right. We thank you for their encouragement when we find life hard. We pray that mums would feel really special today and that you would remind us every day to show them as much love and help as they give to us. Amen (makeamothersday.org)
- 27. For the Paignton Mission Community, their clergy Roger Carlton, Harry Jevons, Jeffery Hill, reader Ron Edinborough and for all who live and worship in Paignton.
- 28. Pray for the work of our hospital chaplains and in particular Penny Hamilton at Bideford and Great Torrington Community Hospitals.
- 29. Pray for Bishop Robert and for all those leading and attending the Pilgrim event today in Cullompton. That all will be encouraged and inspired to lead courses and reach out to those in their communities.
- 30. For the Paignton Christ Church Mission Community, Reader Pamela Macey and for all who live and worship in Paignton St Paul Preston and Paignton Christ Church.
- 31. Pray for Bishop Nick visiting Okehampton Deanery until 2nd April and Bishop Sarah visiting Shirwell Deanery also until 2nd April.

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# Prayers

## Wed 1st – Sat 4th March

This week as we begin the 40 days of Lent we pray: Lord, as we enter Lent help us to draw near to you in praise, stripping away all that distracts us from worship. Amen

*“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.” Romans 8:26*

- 1. On Ash Wednesday we pray for God to help us stop, listen and repent. Pray for all churches and schools who have ashing ceremonies today.
- 2. For the North Creedy (East) Mission Community, their priest Kingsley Cross and for all who live and worship in Woolfardisworthy East, Washford Pyne, Stockleigh Pomeroy, Stockleigh English, Puddington, Poughill, Kennerleigh and Cheriton Fitzpaine.
- 3. Join in with women and others from all around the world praying together on this Women's World Day of Prayer. This year women of the Philippines have put the service together focussing on the story of the workers in the vineyard. Their theme is 'Am I being unfair to you?' [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk)
- 4. Pray for the meeting of Bishop's Diocesan Council today and for all those leading and attending Safeguarding Training today in Barnstaple, 9th in Exeter, 15th in Plymouth and 29th in Exeter.



## Sun 5th – Sat 11th March

This week pray for all older people in your community who may be lonely or isolated. Consider ways you could help?

5. For the North Creedy (West) Mission Community, their priest Lindsey Starrs and for all who live and worship in Zeal Monachorum, Nymet Rowland, Morchard Bishop, Lapford, Down St Mary, Colebrooke, Coldridge, Clannaborough and Bow .
6. For the North Devon Coast Team Mission Community, their priest Jean Loveday and for all who live and worship in Trentishoe, Parracombe, Martinhoe, Lynton, Countisbury, Combe Martin, Brendon and Berrynarbor.
7. Pray for our Further Education Chaplains and especially Tom Carson working to support staff and pupils at Exeter School.
8. For the North Kenn Team Mission Community, their priest Martin Wood and for all who live and worship in Whitestone with Oldridge, Tedburn St Mary, Holcombe Burnell and Cheriton Bishop.
9. In our link with Melanesia we are asked to pray for all the staff, ordained and laity who work for the Anglican Church of Melanesia. We also give thanks for those who work at the church's printing press and bookshop. We give thanks for all those who work in the church's shipyard and on the floating church the Southern Cross ship. We give thanks for our links with Melanesia. 162 years ago, this month John Coleridge Patteson left the UK to become a missionary in Melanesia.
10. Pray for Bishop Sarah visiting Ottery Deanery until 12th and for Bishop Nick visiting Ivybridge Deanery until 13th.
11. For the Northmoor Mission Community, their clergy Stephen Cook, Ruth Hansford, Richard Bache, Readers Christine Erickson, Sandra Collier, Michael Winter OBE, Beverley Johnson, Kerry Friend and for all who live and worship in Sourton, Okehampton, Northlew, Meeth, Lydford, Jacobstowe, Inwardleigh, Hatherleigh Germansweek, Exbourne, Bridestowe, Bratton Clovelly and Belstone.

## Sun 12th – Sat 18th March

As part of your Lenten discipline consider ways that you could do without some of your material possessions. Have a sort-out and donate something to a charity shop.

12. Pray for Bishop Robert visiting the Hartland Deanery until 14th.
13. In our link with Cyprus and the Gulf we pray for their Readers, thanking God for the licensed public lay ministers of the diocese.
14. For the Offwell Mission Community, their priest Peter Walker, Reader Katharine Murray and for all who live and worship in Widworthy, Offwell, Northleigh, Farway and Cotleigh.
15. For the Otter Vale Mission Community, their clergy Steve Weston, Cate Edmonds, Mark Ward, Ann Turner, John Pangbourne, Mac Dick, Richard Allen, Leisa McGovern, Readers Alan Steel, Ann Yates, David Williamson, John White and for all who live and worship in West Hill, Saint Michael, Tipton St John with Venn Ottery, Payhembury, Ottery St Mary, Newton Poppleford, Harpford, Feniton, Escot, Colaton Raleigh and Alfington.
16. For the Our Lady and All the Saints North Torquay Mission Community, their clergy Gorran Chapman, Paul Jones, Robert Ward and for all who live and worship in Torquay St John, Torquay Saint Martin Barton, Saint Marychurch and Babbacombe.
17. On Saint Patrick's day we pray that we may have courage like him to share the Good News of our faith with those we meet today.
18. Pray for the meeting of Diocesan Synod today as they meet to discuss all matters related to the Church in Devon.

## Sun 19th – Sat 25th March

Pray this week for Vicar of Goodrington Gary Deighton who will be halfway through his Lent sleep-out to raise awareness of rough sleeping and homelessness. Pray that he is encouraged and supported well through this time.

19. Pray for James Grier and all the team at Unlimited Church in Exeter as they celebrate their fifth anniversary today with a service of celebration. Thank God for their ministry to young people.
20. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux in France we are asked to pray for the Cathedral at Bayeux, and its welcome to all British visitors. For parishes, their clergy and people in the area of Bayeux.
21. In our link with Thika we pray for all our parishes that have links with parishes in Thika. That they may enjoy exchanging news and requests for prayer support and that the links will flourish.
22. Pray for the Archdeacon of Plymouth, the Ven Ian Chandler and his PA Bev Smerdon.
23. Please pray for the work of our Finance team in the diocese. Especially for Cathy Thorne, Jessica Phillips, Michelle Clark, Serena Nott, Ian Halliday and Faye Wilson-Rudd and Neil Williams.
24. Please pray for the work of our CofE Headteachers around our diocese and in particular for Executive Headteacher of All Saints' Primary School, Thurleston Mrs S Rowe-Jones and for Deputy Head Jan Bosence. Pray for all staff and children.
25. For the Our Lady of Glastonbury Mission Community, their clergy David Bailey, David Watson and for all who live and worship in Saint Aidan Enesettle, Saint Chad Whitleigh, and Saint Francis Honicknowle.