

Sun 24th – Sun 31st December

This week pray for all visitors to our churches, attending special services and events, that they may come to know Emmanuel, God with Us, and the light of Christ that shines even in the darkest times.

24. For the Plymstock Mission Community, their clergy David Appleby, Jennie Appleby, Readers Graham Dee, Anthony Banbury and for all who live and worship in Plymstock and Hooe.
25. As we rejoice in the presence of God here among us in the baby Jesus born today, we pray that all may catch a glimpse of God's wonderful love and care for all creation.
26. On this feast day of St Stephen who fed the poor, we pray for the vital work of Foodbanks around our diocese.
27. For the Raleigh Mission Community in interregnum, for all who lead worship and for all who live and attend worship in Otterton, East Budleigh with Bicton and Budleigh Salterton.
28. For the Saint Andrew & Saint Paul Mission Community, their clergy Joe Dent, Leon Sim, Leon Catallo, Lawrence Braschi, Reader David Huntley and for all who live and worship in Saint Paul Stonehouse and Saint Andrew Plymouth.
29. Pray for our Bishops Robert, Sarah and Nick for all their work in helping us to pray, grow and serve in Devon. Pray that they may catch a fresh vision of ways that God can be alive in our communities and that they will share that with us in the year to come.
30. For the Saint Bartholomew and Saint Mark Ford Mission Community, their priest Richard Silk and for all who live and worship in Devonport Saint Bartholomew and Saint Mark Ford.
31. On New Year's Eve we pray for open hearts, ready to move forward into a New Year, knowing we are held by the God who made us and loves us.



Prayers

Fri 1st – Sat 9th December

1. On World Aids Day we pray: May our love mirror your love for those who live in fear, who live under stress and who suffer rejection. Mothering, Fathering God, Grant rest to those who have died and hope to all who live with HIV. God of life, help us to find the cure now. Help us to build a world in which no one dies alone and where everyone lives accepted, wanted and loved.
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. On the first Sunday of Advent we pray: Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
4. Pray for Olly Mears as he is licensed as Pioneer Minister for Cullompton and priest-in-charge of Bradninch today. Hold his family and all those living and worshipping there in your prayers.
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 Kenn Team Mission Community, their priest Martin Wood and for all who live and worship in Whitestone with Oldridge,

In this Advent of expectation draw us together in unity that our praise and worship might echo in these walls and also through our lives. In this Advent of expectation draw us together in mission, that the hope within might be the song we sing, and the melody of our lives. In this Advent of expectation draw us together in service, that the path we follow might lead us from a stable to a glimpse of eternity. (www.faithandworship.com)

Tedburn St Mary, Holcombe Burnell and Cheriton Bishop.

7. For the Northmoor Mission Community, their clergy Stephen Cook, Ruth Hansford, Richard Bache, Readers Beverley Johnson, Carol Bache, Sandra Collier, Kerry Friend, Michael Winter OBE, Christine Erickson and for all who live and worship in Sourton, Okehampton, Northlew, Meeth, Lydford, Jacobstowe, Inwardleigh, Hatherleigh, Germansweek, Exbourne, Bridestowe, Bratton Clovelly and Belstone.
8. Pray for all our hospital chaplains and in particular for Lead Chaplain Paul Snell and team chaplains Sacha Pearce, Jan Collis and Simon Fletcher based at Plymouth Hospital and for all in hospital at Christmas-time.
9. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux in France we are asked to pray for all religious life in the diocese and their communities; for an increase of vocations to the religious life and to ordained ministry. For parishes, their clergy and people in the area of Vire.



Sun 10th – Sat 16th December

This week as we mark World Human Rights Day, pray for all who feel powerless. Pray that we all continue to work for the dignity, freedoms and rights of all.

10. On World Human Rights day we pray: Lord may we remember that you created us and you are the source of all life. You created us all in your own image and so have given each of us, equally, a dignity beyond all others. You endowed us with reason and conscience and it is you who calls us to act towards each other in a spirit of brotherhood and sisterhood.
11. 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.
12. For the Otter Vale Mission Community, their clergy Steve Weston, Mark Ward, Ann Turner, John Pangbourne, Mac Dick, Richard Allen, Leisa McGovern, Readers David Williamson, Ann Yates, John White, Alan Steel 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.
13. For the Our Lady and All the Saints North Torquay Mission Community, their clergy Gorran Chapman, Paul Jones, Robert Ward, John Lee and for all who live and worship in Torquay St John, Torquay Saint Martin Barton, Saint Marychurch and Babbacombe.
14. For the Our Lady of Glastonbury Mission Community, their clergy David Bailey, David Watson and for all who live and worship in Saint Aidan Ernesettle, Saint Chad Whiteleigh and Saint Francis Honicknowle.
15. In our link with the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf we pray for good governance of the diocese by the bishop and synod and all who offer their wisdom and commitment.
16. For the Paignton Mission Community, their clergy Roger Carlton, Harry Jevons, Jeffrey Hill, Reader Ron Edinborough and for all who live and worship in Paignton.

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.” Isaiah 7:14

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Sun 17th – Sat 23rd December

This week as we head towards Christmas, remember those in our prisons as they are apart from their families. Pray for prisoners, their families, staff and chaplains.

17. Hold in prayer the Paignton Christ Church Mission Community, their clergy John Pout, Reader Pamela Macey and for all who live and worship in St Paul Preston and Paignton Christ Church.
18. Pray for our Higher Education chaplains and particularly those working at Uffculme Academy in Cullompton.
19. In our link with Thika we are asked to pray for Ven Wilson Kamau and the clergy and people of Giachuki Archdeaconry. Our linked parishes of Giachuki, Kiairegi and Ndunyu Chege.
20. For the Plymouth Charles Mission Community, their clergy Olly Ryder, Robert Fowler, Reader Ann Stevens and for all who live and worship in Charles with Saint Matthias Plymouth.
21. For the Plymouth Emmanuel Mission Community, their clergy Karl Freeman, Tony Williams, Reader Timothy Lyddon and for all who live and worship in Plymouth Emmanuel with St Paul Efford and St Augustine.
22. For the Plympton Mission Community, their clergy Roger Beck, Robert Harris, Reader Robert Harrison and for all who live and worship in Plympton St Maurice and Plympton St Mary.
23. In our link with Melanesia we pray for the safe travel of people as many return to their home islands for Christmas. We join in their prayer: O Jesus, Be the canoe that holds me up in the sea of life; Be the rudder that keeps me in the straight road; Be the outrigger that supports me in times of temptation. Let your Spirit be my sail that carries me through each day. Keep my body strong so I can paddle steadfastly on in the voyage of life. Amen

