

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sat 28<sup>th</sup> March

As we begin this time of Passiontide, help us saviour God to reflect on Jesus' life, ministry and death. To rejoice that Jesus came so that God is with us always.

22. Today we thank God for the service of Sir Eric Dancer as Lord-Lieutenant of Devon.
23. Please pray for Mark Butcher as he is collated as new Archdeacon of Barnstaple this evening, and for all those who live and worship in Barnstaple Archdeaconry.
24. Today we remember Douglas Dettmer as he is collated as new Archdeacon of Totnes, and all those who live and worship in Totnes Archdeaconry.
25. On the Feast of the Annunciation, we pray that hearts would be open to receive Christ, as the Virgin Mary received him.
26. Pray for the Churches 4 All Mission Community: their clergy, Chris Martin and Sheila Walker, and the congregations at Clyst Hydon, Clyst St. Lawrence, Talaton and Whimble.
27. We remember the Diocesan Pastoral Care and Counselling Service, and all those who are supported by it. Pray for Julia Barrett, Diocesan Adviser in Pastoral Care and Counselling, and Chris Blade, Service Administrator.
28. Today we hold in prayer Shirwell Deanery in Barnstaple Archdeaconry, particularly their Rural Dean, Shaun O'Rourke, Lay Chair, Maureen Richards, Secretary, Shirley Lerwill, and Treasurer, Michael Crabtree.

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> – Tue 31<sup>st</sup> March

Throughout Holy Week we ask God to help us to journey with Christ from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the empty tomb on Easter morning.

29. On Palm Sunday: 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. Amen
30. Today we pray for our clergy, readers and all those who lead worship as they prepare for the Easter services.
31. Please pray for our link diocese of Thika working in partnership with Tearfund to empower churches and communities in the poorest parishes to work their own way out of poverty. Pray for the Devon-Thika Umoja Project raising the funding for this sustainable development.

## Prayers

1. Help us appreciate those who work the land and tend the stock, those who supply the seed, the machinery, the fertilisers, the feed, those who provide the advice, and those who buy the produce. Lord, open our eyes to the wonder that is farming.
2. We remember the Bovey Valley Mission Community in Totnes Archdeaconry: their clergy, Simon Franklin, William Hamilton, David Harris, Christopher Murphy, Greg Stanton and Becky Totterdell; their readers, Lionel Holmes and Veronica Dell; and the congregations at Bovey Tracey, Heathfield, Hennock, Ilsington, Lustleigh, Manaton, Moretonhampstead and North Bovey.
3. Pray for Cadbury Deanery in Exeter Archdeaconry, especially for their Rural Dean, Nigel Guthrie, their Lay Chair, Jean Hope, their Secretary, Anne Jerman, and their Treasurer, Geoffrey Saltmarsh.
4. Today we remember the Archdeacon of Exeter, the Ven. Christopher Futcher, and his Personal Assistant, Peter Colebrook.

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> – Sat 7<sup>th</sup> March

This week with signs of spring all around us we give thanks to God for the beauty of creation and pray that we may recognise our responsibility to be good stewards of God's precious earth.

5. Please pray for the Braunton Mission Community in Barnstaple Archdeaconry: their clergy, Ben Bradshaw and Anne Thorne; their reader, David Rushworth; and the congregations at Braunton and Saunton.
6. Women's World Day of Prayer is an international, interchurch organisation. The focus for this year's prayers is the women of the Bahamas. Find prayers and other resources at [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk)
7. We pray for diocesan synod in our link diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf. That their bishop, clergy and laity may guide and decide wisely.

## Sun 8<sup>th</sup> – Sat 14<sup>th</sup> March

Give us strength to act and challenge hatred and instead bring your justice and mercy.

In your name we humbly ask that we may be a channel for your peace and love.

Amen

8. Bring to God the Brixham Mission Community in Totnes Archdeaconry: their clergy, Ian Blyde and John Gay; readers, Wendy Emlyn and Susan Shaw; and the congregations at Brixham St. Mary, Galmpton, Churston Ferrers, Kingswear and Lower Brixham.
9. On Commonwealth Day, bring before God the 53 countries of the Commonwealth, and pray that their rulers and leaders may rule with justice and love, and daily seek their wisdom from Him.

10. Please pray for the parish of Buckland Monachorum in Plymouth Archdeaconry: for their vicar, Graham Cotter; readers, Margaret Goodfellow, Peter Harlow, Paul Nixon, Mark Smith and Philip Tuckett; and for the congregations at Buckland Monachorum and Milton Combe.
11. In our link Diocese of Bayeux and Lisieux, pray for the Caen Student Chaplaincy, particularly for the Mass and time of fellowship that takes place every Wednesday evening.
12. Today we pray for Ivybridge Deanery in Plymouth Archdeaconry, especially for their Rural Dean, Frederick Denman, their Lay Chair, Jayne Richardson, and their Treasurer, Chris Lock.
13. Please pray for the Archdeacon of Plymouth, Ian Chandler, and his Personal Assistant, Ashley Mason.
14. We pray for the Central Exeter Mission Community: their priest, Sheila Swarbrick, and the congregations of the Central Exeter parish.

15. On Mothering Sunday: Loving God, Jesus, your Son, was born into the family of Mary and Joseph; bless all parents and all who care for children; strengthen those families living under stress and may your love be known where no human love is found. Amen.
16. Please pray for the martyrs of Melanesia, remembering especially Bishop John Coleridge Patteson, the first Bishop of Melanesia originally from Feniton in East Devon. He left this diocese 160 years ago this month. Pray for all those who have given their lives in service to God.
17. Bring before God the parish of Highweek in Totnes Archdeaconry: their Priest, Michael Thayer, Reader, Steven Sheldon, and the congregations at Highweek and Abbotsbury.
18. We remember the Chudleigh Mission Community in Totnes Archdeaconry: their clergy, Martin Fletcher and Paul Wimsett; readers, Fiona Wimsett, Sheila Fletcher, Arnold Cade and Helen Harding; and the congregations at Chudleigh, Chudleigh Knighton and Trusham.

## Sun 15<sup>th</sup>- Sat 21<sup>st</sup> March

This week, take time to thank God for all those who love and care for you, and for all those dear to you.

19. On the feast of St. Joseph of Nazareth, inspired by the example of Joseph, we pray for grace to grow in faith and holiness, and to follow ever more closely in the way of Christ.
20. Please pray for Moreton Deanery in Totnes Archdeaconry, especially for their Rural Dean, David Sherwood, their Lay Chair, Marion Kaye, and their Treasurer, Clare Born.
21. Please pray for the members of Diocesan Synod as they meet today.

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your mind in Christ Jesus.”* PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

