

Sun 19th – Sat 25th April

This week take time to look at and smell some flowers. Give thanks to our creator God.

19. Please pray for Bishop Nick McKinnel and his wife Jan as they move to Plymouth, where he will begin work as the Bishop of Plymouth. His welcome service takes place today at 4pm in St Andrew's Church, Plymouth.
20. Pray for our two new archdeacons who will be installed today at Exeter Cathedral, and for Kathy Roberts, who becomes the Diocese's Dean of Women's Ministry. We thank God for the service of Revd Jane Wilson, who has served faithfully as Bishop's Adviser for Women's Ministry.
21. Today please pray for the Bishop of Exeter, Robert Atwell, for his chaplain, Adrian Hough, and for his staff team.
22. Remember all those in the Edgemoor Mission Community: their clergy, David Baker and Chris Whinney, and their congregations at West Anstey St Petrock, Rose Ash St Peter, North Molton with Twitchen All Saints and St Peter (Twitchen), Molland St Mary, Mariansleigh St Mary, Knowstone St Peter, High Bray All Saints, East Anstey St Michael, Charles St John the Baptist and Bishops Nympton St Mary the Virgin.
23. Pray for the Diocesan Secretary, Mark Beedell, and the staff at the Old Deanery in Exeter.
24. Today please pray for the Diocese of Temotu: for its Bishop, the Rt Revd George Takeli, and for those directly experiencing climate change through extreme weather patterns and rising seas in Melanesia.
25. Hold in prayer the Elburton Mission Community: their clergy, Rod Thomas and Tony Williams; Reader, Alan Hart, and the congregation at Elburton St Matthew.

Sun 26th – Thu 30th April

This week pray for all those who seek to serve God, both in the world and in the Church.

26. Vocations prayer:
Lord, as you called your disciples, call us now. Open our ears to listen to your calling. Open our eyes to see you. Open our hearts to your love. Help us to hear you, to experience your presence with us and to love you. And loving you, let us serve you, our servant King. Amen.
27. Pray for Diocesan Director of Ordinands, Becky Totterdell, and for her administrator, Louise Spencer.
28. Hold in prayer the Ven James Kamura and the clergy and people of Cathedral Archdeaconry in our link Diocese of Thika in Kenya.
29. Pray for all those working in prisons ministry, and those for whom they care.
30. We hold in prayer those parishes in our diocese in vacancy; we thank God for those who serve the parishes at this time, retired clergy and lay people who take on extra duties. We pray that God will call people to serve in ministry in Devon.

Prayers

Wed 1st – Sat 4th April

As we approach Easter we pray for open hearts and minds, that we may truly understand the sacrifice made for us by Christ on the Cross.

1. Please pray for the Clyst Mission Community. Their clergy, Mike Partridge, Jeremy Clark and Steve Dyson; Readers, Sandra Parker and Richard Frost; and for the congregations at Sowton St Michael & All Angels, Rockbeare St Mary with St Andrew, Pinhoe St Michael And All Angels and Hall Church, Clyst Honiton St Michael & All Angels, Broadclyst St John The Baptist, St Paul Westwood and Killerton Chapel.
2. On this Maundy Thursday bring before God all clergy renewing their ordination vows today. Pray especially for your local clergy team.
3. Good Friday collect:
Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus we see the cost of our sin and the depth of your love: in humble hope and fear may we place at his feet all that we have and all that we are, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
4. In our link with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Bayeaux-Lisieux in France, pray for chaplaincies with students at school and university, for those preparing for confirmation and those undertaking trips to Taizé.

Sun 5th – Sat 11th April

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

5. Collect for Easter Day:
God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: We humbly beseech thee, that as by thy special grace preceding us dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.
6. Please pray for our Chaplains at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital. Simon Harrison, Juliet Horwood, Sheila Swarbrick and all the team.
7. Bring to God the Coast and Combe Mission Community: their clergy, Robert Harris, Michael Rogers, Giles King-Smith, Linda Waters, John Roles, Ian Snares; Reader, Sally-Ann Molligoda; and the congregations at Woolacombe St Sabinus, Morteohoe St Mary Magdalene, Lee St Matthew, Ilfracombe St Philip & St James, Holy Trinity and St Peter, and Bittadon St Peter.
8. Please pray for the Crediton Mission Community: their clergy, Nigel Guthrie and Paul Fillery; Reader, Carol Price; and their congregations at Shobrooke St Swithun, Sandford with Upton Hellions St Swithun, Upton Hellions St Mary The Virgin, Crediton Holy Cross, and Holy Trinity, Yeoford St Lawrence, and Posbury St Luke and St Francis.
9. In our link diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf we pray for the Standing and Finance Committee, implementing the Synod's work through the year.
10. Please pray for the Diocesan Church Buildings Team, Louise Bartlett and Eve Van der Steen, and for the members of the Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches (DAC) and the voluntary consultants who advise them.
11. We pray for the Culm Valley Mission Community: their clergy Selina Garner and Jill Purser; Readers, Chris Russell and Celia Fox; and the congregations at Willand St Mary the Virgin, Uffculme, St Mary the Virgin and St Stephen (Ashill), and Kentisbeare St Mary.

Sun 12th – Sat 18th April

This week we pray for God to go on transforming our lives, remembering in God's strength we can do all things.

12. Pray for the Milber Benefice: their priest, John Potter; Reader, Graham Whittle; and the congregation at St Luke's Church.
13. Please pray for the Dartmouth and Dittisham Mission Community: their clergy, Will Hazlewood and Nick Debney; Reader, David Robinson; and the congregations at Dittisham St George, Townstal St Clement and Dartmouth St Saviour and St Petros.
14. Bring before God the Abbotsham Benefice: their priest, Francis Otto, and the congregation at St Helen's Church.
15. We remember the Bere Ferrers with Bere Alston Benefice. Their clergy, Andy Barton and Nick Law; Reader Susan Belfield; and the congregations at St Andrew's and Holy Trinity.
16. Today we thank God for the Bradninch and Clyst Hydon Benefice, and for the congregations at St Disen and St Andrew.
17. Please pray for Dunkeswell Mission Community: their priest, Rik Peckham, and the congregations at Upottery St Mary the Virgin, Sheldon St James the Greater, Luppitt St Mary, Dunkeswell St Nicholas, Dunkeswell Holy Trinity (Abbey), and Broadhembury St Andrew Apstole & Martyr.
18. Please pray for all those taking part in Safeguarding Training in Exeter today and especially for Sarah Miller, Assistant Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, as she leads the day.

"Pray then like this: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.'"

MATTHEW 6:9-13

