

Sun 24th – Sat 30th May

This week light a candle; enjoy the flickering light, the fragrance and the warmth it creates. Ask God to be the catalyst that ignites us, to fill us with his fragrance and to empower us to carry God's flame in our hearts.

24. Collect for Pentecost: *Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
25. We remember the Five Alive Mission Community: their clergy, Simon Holloway and Anne Mills; their Readers, Joan Berry and Gill Heighway; and the congregations at Yarcombe (St John the Baptist), Stockland (St Michael and All Angels), Shute (St Michael, St Mary at Cross (Whitford), Kilmington (St Giles) and Dalwood (St Peter).
26. Pray for those recently ordained in our link Diocese of Thika in Kenya: Deacons who were Priested, graduate students made Deacons and newly installed Canons. Please also pray for Ven John Wanjihia and the clergy and people of Giachuki Archdeaconry.
27. Please pray for the Four Ways Mission Community: their priest, Sean O'Rourke; Readers, Christopher James and Peter Rozzell, and the congregations at West Buckland (St Peter), Swimbridge (St James the Apostle, Holy Name (Gunn Chapel)) and Landkey (St Paul).
28. Pray for South Molton Deanery, especially their Rural Dean, Roderick Withnell and Lay Chair, Sandra Andrews.

29. In our link diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf we pray for all those who serve the Diocese in matters of finance, and for Christians to use their money and resources generously and imaginatively.
30. Hold in prayer the Fremington Mission Community: their clergy, Steve Goodbody and Keith Brimacombe; Reader, Vicky Dando; and the congregations at Westleigh (St Peter), Instow (St John the Baptist, All Saints (Instow)) and Fremington (St Peter, St Andrew (Bickington)).

Sunday 31st May

31. On this Trinity Sunday, we pray: *Holy God, faithful and unchanging; enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen*

Prayers

Fri 1st – Sat 2nd May Light of the world, walk among us, illuminating God in our midst

1. Please pray for Philip Sourbut as he begins his new role as Director of Mission and Ministry in our Diocese.
2. In our link with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux in France, pray for the Diocesan ecumenical officer, Isabelle Berthelier.

Sun 3rd – Sat 9th May In this election week pray that truth, justice, peace and the well-being of all will be the main priorities for those who seek to lead the country.

3. On this World Press Freedom Day we pray for better reporting, gender equality and media safety in the digital age.
4. Please pray for the chaplains working in the Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust: Paul Snell, Sacha Pearce, Jan Collis and Simon Fletcher.
5. Bring to God the parish of St Boniface, Devonport and their priest, Alison Shaw.

6. Today we remember the Exe Valley Mission Community: their priest, John Roberts, and the congregations at Witleigh (St Catherine), Washfield (St Mary the Virgin), Templeton (St Margaret), Stoodleigh (St Margaret), Rackenford (All Saints), Oakford (St Peter), Loxbeare (St Michael and All Angels), Cruwys Morchard (Holy Cross) and Calverleigh (St Mary the Virgin).
7. On election day we pray that God will grant to all those who aspire to lead and influence the life of our nation the courage and integrity to embrace truth and honesty fully in all they do and say.
8. On VE day we remember all those whose lives were affected by World War Two, and we pray for peace in our world: *God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*
9. Please pray for all those attending the All Age Worship Training Day, and for Katherine Lyddon as she leads the event.



Sun 10th – Sat 16th May

This week pray for all those around the world who live in fear. Pray for the empowerment of men and women around the world to celebrate their differences and to live together in equality and justice.

10. Christian Aid Week Prayer (from the church in Ethiopia): *Let your hand rest upon your people of Ethiopia, widows and orphans, aged and children, strangers and wanderers. And join us also with them, protect and strengthen us, from all evil works keep us apart, and in all good works unite us. You are life for our souls. You are the life of the world.*
11. As the public examination season commences, hold in prayer all primary and secondary pupils in our Diocese who are sitting exams this summer, and remember the parents and teachers who support them.
12. Bring to God the meeting of the Bishop's Diocesan Council today.
13. On this National Day of Prayer for Police pray for police officers and staff, safety whilst on duty, success in bringing offenders to justice and changes to policing.
14. Ascension Day Collect: *Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever.*
15. Please pray for Tavistock Deanery: their Rural Dean, Nick Law, Lay Chair, Annie Jefferies, Secretary, Anne Inman, and Treasurer, George Nash.
16. Today we remember all those who volunteer as Street Pastors in towns and cities across our Diocese. Pray for the teams in Barnstaple, Bideford, Cullompton, Exeter, Ilfracombe, Ivybridge, Newton Abbot, Plymouth, Tavistock, Tiverton, Torbay and Totnes, and for all those who they encounter in their ministry.

Sun 17th – Sat 23rd May

Pray that we may continually renew missionary zeal in ourselves and in the Church. Make us witnesses to your goodness; full of love, strength and faith.

17. Bring to God the Exeter Network Church Mission Community: their clergy, Jon Soper and Tors Ramsey, and all those who attend Exeter Network Church.
18. Please pray for Newton Abbot and Ipplepen Deanery, particularly their Rural Dean, Mark Smith, Lay Chair, Barbara Ellis-Smith, Secretary, Sandra Dunford, and Treasurer, Peter Gay.
19. Please pray for Christianity Deanery, particularly their Rural Dean, Robin Eastoe, Lay Chair, David Smith, Secretary, Harriet Faith, and Treasurer, Andrew Withers.
20. Today pray for the Exminster Mission Community: their clergy, John Williams and Mark Lord-Lear; their reader, Ceri Lee; and the congregations at Powderham (St Clement), Kenton with Mamhead (All Saints, St Thomas the Apostle (Mamhead)), Kenn (St Andrew) and Exminster (St Martin).
21. Please pray for the Diocesan Safeguarding Team: Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, Christine Hindle, and Assistant Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, Sarah Miller. Thank God for the work that they do across the Diocese, and remember all those with whom they work.
22. Today please pray for four religious orders in Melanesia: the Society of St Francis, the Sisters of the Church, the Melanesian Brotherhood, and the Community of the Sisters of Melanesia. Pray for all those called to serve God in religious communities or as Companions and Associates.
23. Hold in prayer the benefice of South Brent and Rattery: their priest David Winnington-Ingram and the congregations at Rattery (Blessed Virgin Mary) and South Brent (St Petroc).

“If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will and it will be done for you.” JOHN 15:7

