

Sun 28th – Tues 30th June

This week pray: God of justice, guide the nations and the leaders of the world towards peace, stir hearts to be generous and compassionate. God, help us to play our part in bringing about the change that we want to see.

28. Please pray for the Holsworthy Mission Community: their clergy, Jane Lucas, Chris Hardwick, Kathy Roberts and Chris Penn; their Readers, Ali Rowe, Mary Aicheler and Jim Williams; and the congregations at Highampton (Holy Cross), Ashwater (St. Peter Ad Vincula), Beaworthy (St. Alban), Black Torrington (St. Mary), Bradford with Cookbury (All Saints and St. John The Baptist, Cookbury), Bradworthy (St. John Baptist), Bridgerule (St. Bridget), Bulkworthy (St. Michael), Abbots Bickington (St. James), Halwill (St. Peter & St. James), Thornbury (St. Peter), Hollacombe (St. Petroc), Holsworthy (St. Peter & St. Paul), Milton Damerel (Holy Trinity), Putford (St. Stephen), Pyworthy with Pancrasweek (St. Swithun and St. Pancras, Pancrasweek), Sutcombe (St. Andrew), Tetcott with Luffincott (Holy Cross) and Clawton (St. Leonard).

29. Bring to God all who are sick and those who care for them: medical staff, support services, researchers and scientists and those who care for loved ones, especially young carers who carry a burden of care beyond their years.

30. Today we pray for Torrington Deanery, especially their Rural Dean, Daniel French, Lay Chair, Michael Tagent, Secretary, Joyce Howitt, and Treasurer, David Scott.

*“And pray in the Spirit
on all occasions with
all kinds of prayers
and requests. With
this in mind, be alert
and always keep on
praying for all the
Lord’s people.”*

EPHESIANS 6:18

Prayers

Mon 1st – Sat 6th June

This week pray for students sitting examinations at schools, colleges and universities across the Diocese, that they would know God’s presence and love.

1. Please pray for chaplains working in our schools, colleges and universities, and for the teachers, students and parents with whom they work.
2. In our link with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux in France, pray for new priests and their parishes, and for seminarians.
3. We remember the Georgeham Mission Community: their priest, Michael Newbon, Reader, Ian Huggett, and the congregations at Georgeham (St. George) and Croyde (St. Mary Magdalene).
4. On this feast day of Corpus Christi, we pray: Lord, satisfy our hunger with the food that lasts, the bread of God which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.
5. Please pray for the chaplains working in the South Devon Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust at Torbay Hospital, Martin Manley, Angela Sumner and Sally White, and for their Roman Catholic and Free Church colleagues.
6. As the Exeter Respect Festival takes place this weekend, bring to God victims of racism and prejudice, and pray that we might celebrate diversity in our churches, communities and workplaces.



Sun 7th – Sat 13th June

Praise God for the beauty and wonder of creation. Pray that we would be good stewards of all that God has entrusted to us.

7. Environment Sunday: *Holy God, Creator of all that is integral to your sacred Earth, You call us to live respectfully and sustainably now, for a world without end. May we use energy today so as to not endanger the future. Forgive us our excesses as we seek to reduce our emissions. Lead us away from the temptations of consumerism and deliver us from greed. For the planet is yours its power and its glory, now and for all time. Amen.*
8. Please pray for the Haldon Mission Community: for their clergy, Stephen West, Sue Astbury and Val Atkinson, and for the congregations at Teignmouth West (St. James), Teignmouth East (St. Michael The Archangel), Ideford with Luton (St. Mary The Virgin and St. John, Luton), Bishopsteignton (St. John The Baptist) and Ashcombe (St. Nectan).
9. In our link Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, please pray for all who are called by God to minister publicly, both lay and ordained and for those facing persecution for their faith.
10. Today we remember Honiton Deanery, particularly their Rural Dean, Jeremy Trew, Lay Chair, Nigel Speller, Secretary, Tracey Voysey and Treasurer, Simon Byworth.
11. Please pray for Ven. Patrick Mukuna and the clergy and people of Kariara Archdeaconry in our link Diocese of Thika.
12. Bring to God the Diocesan Property Services Team who look after clergy housing and Church schools: Graham Davies, Judith Feltham, Peter Armstrong, Jason Down, Richard Power, Raymond Twohig, Mark Lewis and Peter Stanton.
13. Please pray for the Christian community at Lee Abbey in North Devon: for the members of the community and for all those who visit the centre for Christian conferences, retreats and holidays.

Sun 14th – Sat 20th June

This week in Refugee Week hold in prayer all those who are forced from their homes. Pray for their safety and for the honouring of human rights.

14. *God of compassion, whose own son experienced life as a refugee, we remember those fleeing from danger, hungry and afraid, with nowhere to call home; God, we ask for them warmth, security, food and peace.*
15. In British Flowers Week, hold in prayer those who arrange and care for flowers in our churches, and give thanks for their ministry.
16. Hold in prayer the Hartland Team Mission Community: their clergy, Shirley Henderson, Wendy Mitchell and Kevin Beer; Readers, Margaret Rickard and Andrew Macwilliam; and the congregations at Woolfardisworthy West (All Hallows), Welcombe (St. Nectan and St. Martin, Bursdon Moor), Parkham (St. James), Lundy (St. Helena), Hartland (St. Nectan), Clovelly (St. Peter and All Saints), Bucks Mills (St. Anne), Buckland Brewer (St. Mary and St. Benedict) and Alwington (St. Andrew).
17. Pray for the Heavitree Mission Community: their clergy, Robin Eastoe, Paul Morrell, Jolyon Seward and Peter March, and the congregations at St. Mary Steps (St. Mary Steps) and Heavitree with St. Paul Exeter (St. Michael & All Angels, St Lawrence, St. Claire and St. Paul).
18. As Ramadan begins, pray for peace and understanding between those of different faith groups, both in our local communities and across the world.
19. Please pray for Plymouth City Deanery, especially their Rural Dean, Ian Chandler, Lay Chair, Anneliese Barrell, and Secretary, Julian Payne.
20. Please pray for the Synod Office team, Ed Moffatt, Sara Ashton, Sophie Nicholson and Charlotte Vickers as they work to ensure smooth elections to General Synod and Diocesan Synod over the summer. Bring to God all deanery and parish officers involved in the elections processes, as well as all those called to stand for election.

Sun 21st – Sat 27th June

This week pray for your local clergy, lay ministers and all those involved in the day-to-day running of our churches.

21. On Fathers' Day: *Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. Amen.*
22. In Melanesia, we remember the people who work on the Province's mission boat, the Southern Cross, which continues – as the first canoes did – to take the Gospel around the thousands of islands which make up the three nations of the Anglican Church of Melanesia: The Solomon Islands, New Caledonia and Vanuatu.
23. Today hold in prayer the Holiday Coast Mission Community: their clergy, Simon Croft, Nicholas Hawkins, Di Caine, Debbie Starling, John Teed and Chris Curd; their Reader, Margaret Noel; and the congregations at Starcross (St. Paul), Dawlish (St. Gregory and St. George, Holcombe), Cofton (St. Mary and Church Room, Dawlish Warren).

24. Nativity of John the Baptist: *Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by preaching repentance: Make us so to follow his teaching and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and, following his example, constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*
25. Hold in prayer Okehampton Deanery, particularly their Rural Dean, Ruth Hansford, Lay Chair, Maurie Webber, Secretary, Nicky Craig, and Treasurer, Philip Lynn.
26. On Victims of Torture Day we pray for people everywhere who are working for a world free from torture. We thank you for those with a vision of a time when there will be peace, freedom and justice for all and for all organisations seeking to translate dreams into reality.
27. On Armed Forces Day: *Heavenly Father, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women in our Armed Forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; and give them courage to face the perils that beset them; and help them to know that nothing can separate them from your love; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

