When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! *Mark 16:4-6*

Wed 1st – Sat 4th April

1. Pray for those leading and attending the diocesan training day: Wills and Legacies: ‘How to encourage them in your church’.
2. Pray for ordinands on the South West Ministry Training Course as they join together for Easter School and as they continue their training ready for ordination.
3. In our link with the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf we pray for their Cathedrals: St Paul’s and St Christopher’s; for their people, their deans, canons, clergy and for all visitors.
4. For the Chudleigh Mission Community, their priest Paul Wimsett, Readers Helen Harding, Arnold Cade, Sheila Fletcher and for all who live and worship in Trusham, Chudleigh Knighton and Chudleigh.

Sun 5th – Sat 11th April

This month is national Stress Awareness Month. We pray for God’s peace for all those who are struggling with stress in their lives, and pray too for strength and wisdom for those supporting colleagues, friends and family who are dealing with stress. Pray also for those involved on the diocese’ new Wellbeing & Pastoral Care Advisory Panel, for their work in supporting the wellbeing of clergy, staff, church officers and their families.

1. On Palm Sunday we pray: Lord God, as we wave our palms today and sing our ‘Hosannas’ may we remember also that which you were riding toward; the suffering and rejection, pain and humiliation, the cruel Cross. And let us look forward to the joy of Easter Day when you rose from death to reign forever.
2. Pray for the Easter holiday ‘Feast of Fun’ events across Plymouth, as well as the planning for their summer programme. The team are working hard to be bigger than last year with more churches involved and more events so they can serve more families and help more people in need. Pray for all those churches across our diocese running Easter clubs.
3. In our link with Thika we are asked to pray for Ven Canon John Mbuthia and the clergy and people of the seven parishes in Kariara Archdeaconry. Pray for our linked parish of Kiarutara.
4. For the Churches 4 All Mission Community, their priest Marc Kerslake and for all who live and worship in Whimple, Talaton, Clyst St Lawrence and Clyst Hydon. Pray for everyone there as they are in a vacancy and seek to appoint a new vicar.
5. For the Clyst Mission Community, their clergy Wiz Slater, Bernard Lane, Adrian Hough, Lythan Nevard serving in Cranbrook, Reader Sandra Parker and for all who live and worship in Sowton, Rockbeare, Pinhoe, Clyst Honiton and Broadclyst.
6. As we pray on Good Friday we meditate on the enormity of the sacrifice of Christ to redeem the world…
7. Pray for the work of all our school, college and university chaplains and all those whom offer pastoral support to schools. We pray for Tom Carson working at Exeter School.

Sun 12th – Sat 18th April

This week as Holy Week begins pray for your local church. Bring to God the clergy and leaders as they share the Easter story with all who come to services and other events.

1. On Easter morning Lord we lift our hearts to you. As the dawn breaks, may we ever live to praise you into every moment, knowing that we are one with the risen Christ.
2. For the Coast & Combe Mission Community, their clergy Peter Churcher, John Roles, Giles King-Smith, Ann Lewis, Readers Sally-Ann Molligoda, Dave Richards and for all who live and worship in Woolacombe, Mortehoe, Lee, Ilfracombe St Philip and St James, Ilfracombe, Combe Martin, Bittadon and Berrynarbor.
3. For our Readers (Licensed Lay Ministers). Warden of Readers Andrew Beane, Assistant Warden of Readers Carol Price and Reader Administrator Hannah Cross. Give thanks for their generous and inspiring ministries.
4. For the Coast and Country Mission Community, their priest Alison Shaw, Readers Jenny Harris and Lyn Robinson and for all who live and worship in Strete, Stoke Fleming, East Allington and Blackawton.
5. For the Crediton Mission Community, their clergy Matthew Tregenza, Helen Drever, Paul Fillery, Readers Carol Price, Sandra Collier and for all who live and worship in Shobrooke, Sandford with Upton Hellions and Crediton.
6. For the Cullompton Mission Community, their clergy Edward Hobbs, Olly Mears, Hannah Mears, Readers Simon Friend, Katharyn Mumby, Celia Fox and for all who live and worship in Cullompton and Bradninch.
7. Pray for all our hospital chaplains and in particular for Andy Barton in his role as Palliative Care and Oncology Chaplain in Plymouth Hospital.

Sun 19th – Sat 25th April

This week pick some home-grown or buy a bunch of daffodils and take them to a neighbour. Invite them to church with you.

1. For the Culm Valley Mission Community, their clergy Simon Talbot, Michelle Parton, Reader Chris Russell and for all who live and worship in Willand, Uffculme and Kentisbeare.
2. For the Dart and Avon Mission Community, their clergy Tom Benson, Gina Radford, Laura McAdam, Fiona Wimsett, Readers David Harwood, Jenny Holton and for all who live and worship in Staverton with Landscove, South Brent, Rattery, Littlehempston, Dean Prior and Buckfastleigh.
3. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux in France, we are asked to pray for chaplaincies with students at school and university, for those preparing for confirmation and undertaking trips to Taize. For parishes, their clergy and people in the area of Brettville-sur-Laize.
4. For the Dartmouth & Dittisham Mission Community, their clergy Will Hazlewood, Bob Boyle, Andrew Langley and for all who live and worship in Dittisham and Dartmouth Saint Clement (Townstal).
5. For the Devonport Mission Community, their clergy Tim Buckley, Keith Robus and Sue Nicholas, Readers Lynda Buckley, John Wright, CMS Mission Partner Ruth Sayers, and for all who live and worship in Saint Andrew with St Luke, Stoke Damerel and Saint Michael, Saint Barnabas and Saint Aubyn Devonport.
6. In our link with Melanesia we pray for the mission and the reconciliation ministry of the Melanesian Brothers,and especially today we remember the seven Martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood.
7. We pray for all those attending and leading the safeguarding training today in Exeter. For the diocesan safeguarding team and the crucial work they do.

Sun 26th – Thur 30th April

1. For the Dunkeswell Mission Community, their priest John Hayhoe and for all who live and worship in Upottery, Sheldon, Plymtree, Luppitt, Dunkeswell and Broadhembury.
2. For the East Exeter Mission Community, their clergy Tanya Hockley-Still, John Byatt, Matt Clayton, Readers Tina Smith, David Smith and for all who live and worship in Whipton Saint Boniface and Saint Mark Exeter .
3. For the Edgemoor Mission Community, their clergy David Baker, Alastair Forman, Alison Rogers, Penny Lawson, Reader Richard Holloway and for all who live and worship in West Anstey, Rose Ash, North Molton with Twitchen, Molland, Mariansleigh, Knowstone, High Bray, East Anstey, Charles and Bishopsnympton.
4. For the Elburton Mission Community, their clergy James Croucher, readers Linda Dodwell, Alan Hart and for all who live and worship in Elburton.
5. For the Exe Valley Mission Community, their priest Steph Gordon-Jeffs and for all who live and worship in Withleigh, Washfield, Templeton, Stoodleigh, Rackenford, Oakford, Loxbeare, Cruwys Morchard and Calverleigh.

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