

Sunday 19th – Tuesday 28th

As the season of Lent begins, we remember Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness, where he resisted temptation and overcame evil. We pray that God would help us draw near to Him, refocus on Him, and give us discipline as we pray, study the word, and fast, during Lent and beyond.

19. For the Trinity Mission Community, its priest Jonny Elvin, and for all who live and worship in Holy Trinity, Exeter.

20. On the World Day of Social Justice, we pray for breakthrough, for wisdom and revelation in the hearts of world leaders, that they would turn from injustice. Lord, have mercy on the oppressed and vulnerable. Give us perseverance to seek justice, 'for the LORD is a God of justice'. (Isaiah 30:18)

21. On Shrove Tuesday, we give thanks for your provision to us Lord, and ask that you would help us reflect your generosity and share with those who are hungry and in need. Freely we have received, so let us freely give.

22. On Ash Wednesday, we remember that God made us from dust and to dust we shall return, may the cross that many will mark on their foreheads today remind us of our need for salvation, and the forgiveness found in Jesus Christ. 'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins' (1 John 1:9)

23. For the Two Rivers Mission Community, its clergy Gary Owen, Tracey Doyle, Julia Halpin, LLMs Carol Wyatt, Tim Overton, Jacque Ward, David Halpin, and for all who live and worship in Yarnscombe, Tawstock, St Giles in the Wood, Roborough, Newton Tracey with Alverdiscott, Huntshaw, Horwood, High Bickington, Beaford, and Atherington.

24. In our link with Thika, we pray for the clergy and people in the Cathedral Archdeaconry. We give thanks for the parishes where the 'Umoja' Church and Community Development Process is enabling sustainable development, and pray for your provision for parishes in the dry areas which struggle to maintain progress.

25. For the Upper Culm Mission Community, its priest Becky Totterdell, LLM David Major, and for all who live and worship in Hemyock with Culm Davy, Culmstock, and Clayhidon.

26. For the West Dartmoor Mission Community, its clergy Andrew Thomas, Miranda Donne, Philippa Bellows, LLM Martin Jury, and for all who live and worship in Yelverton, Walkhampton, Sheepstor, Sampford Spiney, Meavy, and Horrabridge.

27. For St Thomas, Exeter, its clergy David Nixon, Sarah Cumming, Alison Whiting and for the parish of Exwick and all those who live and worship in the west of Exeter.

28. For the Whiddon Mission Community, its clergy Paul Seaton-Burn, Spence, Harriet Every, Wes Cutler, LLMs Jill Hobbs, Kay Pyne, and for all who live and worship in Spreyton, South Tawton, Sampford Courtenay, North Tawton, Honeychurch, Hittisleigh, Gidleigh with Throwleigh, Drewsteignton, Chagford, and Bondleigh.



FEBRUARY PRAYER DIARY

We pray using the words of John 15:5

Lord, we thank you that we are joined to you as a branch to a vine, we pray that by your Holy Spirit you would help us to keep your commandments and abide in you, so that we would live fruitful lives, and that your joy may be in us. Amen.

We encourage you to reflect on John 15 throughout this month and use it to guide your prayer time.

Wednesday 1st – Saturday 4th

During Interfaith Harmony Week, we give thanks for positive and productive relationships between faith groups, and pray for patience, wisdom, and grace as we share dialogue with one another. Grant us courage to be your witnesses Jesus, in all we say and do.

1. For all those who live and worship across Tiverton, for St Paul's & St George's, Tiverton and its priest Andy Humm, for St Andrew's and its priest Richard Maudsley and St Peter's and Chevithorne with Cove in this time of vacancy.

2. On the Feast of Candlemas, we remember the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, and the prophecies spoken about him – that he would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel." (Luke 2:32) We give thanks to God for the gift of his Son Jesus, who is our salvation.

3 In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux, we pray for all those planning the visit to Exeter Diocese in April. We also pray for the parishes, their clergy and the people in the area of Falaise.

4. On World Cancer Day, we give thanks for organisations working tirelessly to discover new ways to prevent and treat cancer. We pray for all those living with cancer, their friends and families, and for all those who have lost loved ones to cancer, may they know the hope found in Jesus Christ.

Sunday 5th – Saturday 11th

During Children's Mental Health Week, we pray for all children struggling with their mental health, particularly those we know in our families and communities. May they know the love of Christ, and may it conquer any loneliness, fear, or anxiety. Help us to give support where we can.

5. For the Topsham and Wear Mission Community, its clergy Louise Grace, Margaret Stirling-Troy, and for all who live and worship in Wear and Topsham.

6. During Sexual Abuse Awareness Week, we pray for all those who have suffered sexual abuse. We pray for healing and justice for victims, may their voices be heard and may they know your peace. Most of all we pray for an end to sexual violence.

7. For the Torquay Central Mission Community, its clergy Peter March, Stephen Ball, Emma Dornan, Peter Jackson, and for all who live and worship in Torquay and Torre.

8. For the Torquay West Mission Community, its clergy Paul Ireton, Paul Evans, LLMs Stephen Vans-Colina, Jeff Hacon, and for all who live and worship in Shiphay Collaton, and Cockington.

9. In our link with the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, we pray for The Archdeacon of Cyprus, Ven. Christopher Fatcher, may God bless him in his ministry. We also pray for The Bishop of Exeter's visit this month.

10. For the Torridge Mission Community, its priest Martin Warren, LLM Jon Berry, and for all who live and worship in Sheepwash, Shebbear, Petrockstowe, Petersmarland, Newton St Petrock, Merton, Langtree, Huish, and Buckland Filleigh.

11. For the Torridge (Coastal) Mission Community, its priest Jules Harris, LLMs Nigel Price, Anne Foster, and for all who live and worship in Westward Ho!, Northam, Appledore, and Abbotsham.

Sunday 12th – Saturday 18th

During half-term, we pray for the staff and students in our schools, that they would have rest and restoration this week. We ask for your blessing on half-term activities taking place in our churches, particularly those providing meals to families in need.

12. In our link with Melanesia, we pray for the Community of the Sisters of the Church in Melanesia. Lord Jesus Christ, bless your servants, fill them with your Holy Spirit, that they may be messengers of your love and care.

13. For Children and Families workers across Devon, we give thanks for their service as they bless our communities. We pray that you would sustain them and renew their joy in this ministry as they support, counsel, and share Christ's love with children and families.

14. On St Valentine's Day, we remember St Valentine who was martyred for helping persecuted Christians and marrying Christian couples. We give thanks to the one who is love, who 'sent His only Son into the world that we might live through him... if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.' (1 John 4:8-11)

15. For the Torridge 6 Ecumenical Mission Community, its priest Susan Oldham, and for all who live and worship in Monkokehampton, Iddesleigh, Dowland, and Dolton.

16. For the Torridge and Taw Mission Community and for all who live and worship in Westleigh, Instow, and Fremington.

17. On Care Day 2023, we give thanks for those who provide safety and support to children in care. We pray that all children would know they are loved by their Father in heaven who "chose them for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ." (Ephesians 1:15)

18. For the Totnes Mission Community, its clergy Jim Barlow, Deborah Parsons, Gill Still, Christian Harris, LLM Elizabeth Waterson, and for all who live and worship in Totnes with Bridgetown, Stoke Gabriel, Marlton, Dartington with Brooking, Cornworthy, Berry Pomeroy, and Ashprington.

I am the vine; you are the branches.
Whoever abides in me and I in them,
will bear much fruit, for apart from me
you can do nothing.

JOHN 15:5