

Sunday 23rd – Sunday 30th

This week, on the Feast Day of Peter and Paul, we remember your apostles, whom you appointed as leaders of your church, who preached that you are Lord and Saviour, and who gave their lives for your gospel. May we be inspired by their devotion and listen carefully to your word spoken through them.

23. For all those being ordained as priests across the Diocese this weekend. We give thanks for their ministry and pray that you continue to grow them in wisdom and love, may they be examples to the flock and find joy in serving as priests in your church.

24. As we remember the birth of John the Baptist, who was foretold to "make ready a people prepared for the Lord" (Luke 1:17) we give thanks for John the Baptist's ministry, which ultimately cost him his life. May we be inspired by his faith.

25. For the churches of the Winkleigh Mission Community, their clergy Helen Blaine, and for all who live and worship in Winkleigh, Brushford, Broadwood Kelly, and Ashreigney.

26. For the churches of the Withycombe Raleigh with Exmouth Mission Community, their priest Robert Sellers, and for all who live and worship in Withycombe Raleigh and Exmouth.

27. In our link with Thika, we pray for the Hesabika Trust calling on Christians to stand up and be counted in all sectors of society, we pray you would fill all your people with boldness to be your witnesses.

28. For the churches of the Yealm and Erme Mission Community, their priest Kim Lovell, LLM Tricia Stringer, and for all who live and worship in Yealmpton, Wembury, Revelstoke, Newton Ferrers, Holbeton, and Brixton.

29. For all those being ordained as Deacons today at Exeter Cathedral, we give thanks for their commitment to your church. As you send them out Lord, we pray they would be led by the Holy Spirit and fixed on you as they serve the people of Devon with joy.

30. For the churches of the Alphington Mission Community, their priest Mike Partridge, Adrian Butland, LLMs Ruth Ramsbottom, Anthony Cummings, Lesley Phillips-Cannon, and for all who live and worship in Shillingford St George, Ide, and Alphington.

Amen.



JUNE PRAYER DIARY

Saturday 1st – Saturday 8th

During Volunteers Week, we thank God for all volunteers in churches across Devon. We pray that we would all be inspired to serve others: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10)

1. On the Global Day of Parents, we pray for parents and parental figures in our families and communities, and particularly for new parents, that you would sustain them in the highs and lows, may they reflect your love: 'See what great love the Father has lavished upon us, that we should be called children of God!' (1 John 3:1)

2. For the churches of the Torridge Mission Community, their clergy Martin Warren, Catherine Duff, LLMs Jon Berry, Sheila Deane, and for all who live and worship in Sheepwash, Shebbear, Petrockstowe, Petersmarland, Newton St Petrock, Merton, Langtree, Huish, and Buckland Filleigh.

3. In our link with Melanesia, of the most vulnerable regions in the world to natural disasters, we ask for God's blessing on this land, comfort those affected by earthquakes, volcanoes and climate change. May they find resilience and put their hope in you, Lord.

4. For the churches of the Torridge (Coastal) Mission Community, their clergy Jules Harris, Hilary Kemp, Ildiko Varadi-Luongo, LLMs Nigel Price, Jonathan Ellis, and for all who live and worship in Westward Ho!, Northam, Appledore, and Abbotsham.

5. On St Boniface Day, we remember the patron saint of Devon, who brought the good news to Germany and later gave his life for the gospel. We pray: 'As God gives us strength, in season and out of season, let us preach to the powerful and powerless alike, to rich and poor alike, to all people of every rank and of whatever age, the saving purposes of God' – Boniface of Crediton

6. On the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings, we remember those who lost their lives in Normandy. We pray for peace in our time, and for those suffering in conflicts around the world. Lord, have mercy.

7. For the churches of the Torridge and Taw Mission Community, their priest Chris Painter, LLMs Graham Prosser, Gerald Lush and for all who live and worship in Westleigh, Instow, and Fremington.

8. For the churches of the Torrington Mission Community, their priest Fr Steve Turner, and for all who live and worship in Little Torrington, Great Torrington, and Frithelstock.

Sunday 9th – Saturday 15th

During Carers' Week, we give thanks for all those who care for others in either paid or voluntary roles. We pray they would know the impact of their love and kindness towards those they care for, and that they would receive a renewal of energy from you, Lord.

9. For the St Boniface Awards Service taking place today, we give thanks for all those receiving the award which honours lay people who have made an outstanding contribution to the life of the Church in Devon. We pray you would continue to bless them in their ministry and service.

10. For the churches of the Totnes Mission Community, their clergy Jim Barlow, Deborah Parsons, Chris Martin, Christian Harris, Jane Frost, LLMs Tony Gregg, Jonathan Drummond-Smith, Richard Frost, Elizabeth Waterson, Alan Hill, Alison Fisher, and for all who live and worship in Totnes with Bridgetown, Stoke Gabriel, Marldon, Dartington, Cornworthy, Berry Pomeroy, and Ashprington.

11. On the Feast Day of Barnabas the Apostle, 'the son of encouragement', we reflect on his journeys with Paul as they shared the Gospel with the Gentiles, facing many trials. We pray for the same boldness in our own witness, help us to trust in you, Holy Spirit.

12. For the Trinity Mission Community, it's clergy Jonny Elvin, Ollie Osborn, and for all who live and worship in Holy Trinity Exeter.

13. In our link with Cyprus and the Gulf, we pray for the Cathedral of St Paul, Nicosia and the Dean of the Cathedral, Jeremy Crocker. We give thanks for this relationship between our Dioceses, and pray we would never cease to give thanks for our church family in Cyprus and the Gulf, and around the world.

14. For the churches of the Two Rivers Mission Community, their clergy Cathy Gardiner, Gary Owen, Tracey Doyle, Julia Halpin, Ally Hope, LLMs Jacque Ward, Carol Wyatt, Tim Overton, 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.

15. For the churches of the Upper Culm Mission Community, their clergy Becky Totterdell, LLMs David Major, and for all who live and worship in Hemyock with Culm Davy, Culmstock, and Clayhidon.

Sunday 16th – Saturday 22nd

During Children's Hospice Week, we pray for children in hospice and palliative care across the UK. We give thanks for these services, providing vital support for seriously ill children and young people. We pray for your healing hand Lord, and that these children and their families would know the hope found in you.

16. On Father's Day, we give thanks for our fathers and pray for those who find this day difficult due to loss, estrangement or past pain. We give thanks, that we can draw close to our Father in Heaven whose love is steadfast and endures forever.

17. For the churches of the West Dartmoor Mission Community, their 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.

18. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux, we pray for all staff and students at The Normandy Institute of Religious Education as they continue to learn more about you. May they be filled with knowledge and wisdom of who you are.

19. For St Thomas Exeter, its clergy David Nixon, Mike Clark, Sarah Cumming, Alison Whiting, LLM Philip Baker, and for all who live and worship in Saint Thomas Exeter.

20. On World Refugee Day, we pray for all those fleeing from conflict, oppression, and injustice. We lament the lives of refugees that have been lost, and we give thanks for organisations and individuals supporting those without a place to rest their head.

21. For the churches of the Whiddon Mission Community, their clergy Nick McKinnel, David Spence, Sue Sheppard, Harriet Every, LLW Wes Cutler, LLMs Kay Pyne, Jill Hobbs, Jeanette Wilmot, and for all who live and worship in Spreyton, South Tawton, Sampford Courtenay, North Tawton, North Bovey, Moretonhampstead, Manaton, Lustleigh, Honeychurch, Hittisleigh, Gidleigh with Throwleigh, Drewsteignton, Chagford, and Bondleigh.

22. For the churches of the White Cross Mission Community, LLM Christine Grist, and for all who live and worship in Woodbury with Exton, Woodbury Salterton, Farringdon, Clyst St Mary, Clyst St George, and Aylesbeare.

Jesus said to them "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

JOHN 6:35