

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>

**We pray for those who find Christmas a difficult time of year, and for those who are alone at Christmas. We pray that they would know that they are not alone, that you are with them, and they are unconditionally loved. Bring them comfort during this time.**

22. For the churches of the Tamerton Foliot and Southway Mission Community, their clergy Gerda van Ommeren, LLM Carrie Tucker, and for all who live and worship in Tamerton Foliot, and Southway.

23. For the churches of the Tavy Mission Community, their clergy Matt Godfrey, Hazel Butland, Judith Blowey, LLMs Bob Owens, Anne Palfrey, Patti Owens, Christopher Pancheri, Amanda Harris, Liz Bastin, Wendy Roderick Hake, Sally Pancheri, and for all who live and worship in Whitchurch, Tavistock, Peter Tavy, Mary Tavy, Gulworthy and Brent Tor.

24. On Christmas Eve, we remember the great love and humility you displayed in coming down to earth in the form of a baby, to make your dwelling among us: 'They will call him Immanuel, which means "God with us"' (Matthew 1:23)

25. On Christmas Day, we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ who has rescued and redeemed us. O Come let us adore him, for he alone is worthy! We give thanks for our loved ones, and we pray for rest and reconciliation, comfort and joy.

26. On St Stephen's Day we remember the first martyr, who before his death gazed steadfastly into heaven and saw the glory of God, and who prayed for the forgiveness of those who killed him (Acts 7:54-59). Lord, please strengthen us in our suffering and pain, teach us to love our enemies, and help us to faithfully bear witness to your name.

27. On the Feast Day of St John the Evangelist, we give thanks for his Gospel, written so that we may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, and by believing have life in his name (John 20:31). We pray that through his writings we would deeply know this truth and share it with others, that they may believe as well.

28. For the churches of the Teign Valley and Haldon Mill Mission Community, their clergy Ruth Frampton, and for all who live and worship in Dunsford, Dunchideock, Doddiscombsleigh, Christow, Bridford and Ashton.

29. In our link with Thika, we pray for The Cathedral Archdeaconry, their Archdeacon Joyce Kabuba, and all of the clergy and people who live and worship in the Archdeaconry.

30. For the churches of the Three Rivers Mission Community, their clergy David Sayle, LLM David Stafford, and for all who live and worship in Ugborough, Saint Peter Harbertonford, Moreleigh, Harberton, Halwell, Ermington, and Diptford with North Huish.

31. On New Year's Eve, we remember all that has taken place this year. Amidst the trials and difficulties, we give thanks for every blessing, knowing that God works all things for the good of those who love him. May we enter the New Year with our eyes fixed on Jesus.

# Amen.



# DECEMBER PRAYER DIARY

Reflecting on the words of Isaiah 9:6, we pray:

Lord, as Christmas approaches, we remember the birth of your Son Jesus, whom you sent to us to be the Saviour of the world. We pray that throughout the busyness of the season, you would help us to fix our eyes and hearts on you, our Wonderful Counsellor, our Might God, our Everlasting Father, our Prince of Peace. Amen.

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>

**On National Grief Awareness Week, we pray that you would comfort and bring peace to those who are struggling with loss. Help us to weep with those who weep and point them towards your unconditional love. 'The LORD is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.' (Psalm 34:18)**

1. For the churches of Saint Peter and Holy Apostles Mission Community, their clergy David Way, LLMs Ben Otley, and for all who live and worship in Plymouth St Peter and the Holy Apostles.

2. For the churches of the Seaton and Beer Coastal Mission Community, their clergy Justin Montague, and for all who live and worship in Seaton and Beer.

3. On International Day of Persons with Disabilities, we pray for all people with any form of disability. We pray that the church would be a place of accessibility and inclusion. Lord, help us grow in understanding and compassion.

4. For the churches of the Shaldon Mission Community, their LLM Hugh McCormick, Ruth Bettesworth, and for all who live and worship in Stokeinteignhead, Shaldon, Haccombe and Combeinteignhead.

5. On International Day of Volunteers, we thank God for all who volunteer in churches across Devon. We thank you for their servant hearts, and we pray that we would all be inspired to serve others.

6. On St Nicholas Day, we remember your servant Nicholas whose legacy is one of generosity. Lord, help us to give freely, just as we have freely received, and help us to be mindful of those in need that we might love others as you have loved us, Jesus.

7. Heavenly Father, we ask for Your protection over the Melanesian religious orders as they embark on their Christmas missions across the Pacific. Grant them safety, strength, and the energy to fulfil their calling with joy and compassion. May Your love and light guide their every step, bringing hope and peace to all they encounter. Amen.



## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>

We pray for our churches across Devon that are holding events and services during advent. Lord, may your church be a place of support and hope this Christmas. We also pray that those who attend a church service or event for the first time this Christmas would feel welcome, and they would know your love and peace.

8. For the churches of the Sherford Church of England Community Church Mission Community, their clergy Greg Bakker, LLM Andrew Williams, and for all those who live and worship in Sherford.

9. For the churches of the Shirwell Mission Community, their clergy Rosie Austin, Katie Welborn Van Santen, and for all who live and worship in Shirwell, Loxhore, Kentisbury, East Down with Arlington, Challacombe, and Bratton Fleming with Stoke Rivers.

10. In our link with Bayeux-Lisieux, we pray for the Cathedral at Bayeux, and its welcome to all visitors particularly during the Christmas season. We also pray for parishes, their clergy and people in the area of Bayeux.

11. On International Human Rights Day, we pray for all those around the world whose human rights are ignored or violated. Help us build a society built on the knowledge that every person is made in God's image.

12. For the churches of the Sid Valley Mission Community, their clergy David Caporn, Matthew Selman, Laura Selman, Sarah Rock-Evans, Sarah Mounoury, Victoria Chester, LLMs John Dunster, Carolyn Croft, Peter Scott, Carole Hawkins, Alan Aspray, Peter Byrd, and for all those who live and worship in Woolbrook, Sidmouth, Sidbury with Sidford, Salcombe Regis and All Saints Sidmouth.

13. For the churches of the Silverton Mission Community, their clergy Pauk Kingdom, and for all those who live and worship in Silverton, Cadeleigh, Butterleigh and Bickleigh.

14. For the churches of the South Dartmoor Mission Community, their clergy Paul Hinckley, LLM Julie Hinckley, and for all who live and worship in Sparkwell, Ivybridge, Harford and Cornwood.

## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>

As schools break up for the Christmas holidays, we pray for pupils and staff, that this break would be a time of rest and restoration. We give thanks for churches across Devon that will be hosting activities over Christmas and pray that children and young people attending would know more of who you are.

15. For the churches of the South Molton Mission Community, their clergy Michael Grandey, LLM Deborah Bayliss, and for all who live and worship in Warkleigh with Satterleigh, South Molton with Nymet Saint George, Kingsnympton, Filleigh, Chittlehampton with UMBERLEIGH and Chittlehamholt.

16. 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.

17. For the churches of the South Tamar Mission Community, their clergy Phill Parker, LLM Richard Searight and for all who live and worship in Milton Abbot with Dunterton, Marystowe, Lamerton with Sydenham Damerel and Coryton.

18. For the churches of the St Thomas Mission Community, their clergy David Nixon, Mike Clark, Sarah Cumming, and for all who live and worship in Saint Thomas Exeter.

19. Heavenly Father, we ask for Your protection over the Melanesian religious orders as they embark on their Christmas missions across the Pacific. Grant them safety, strength, and the energy to fulfil their calling with joy and compassion. May Your love and light guide their every step, bringing hope and peace to all they encounter. Amen.

20. For the churches of the Start Bay Mission Community, their clergy Mark Neave, LLMs Andy McMullin, Ken Ball, and for all who live and worship in South Pool, Slapton, East Portlemouth, Chivelstone, Charleton, and Buckland-Tout-Saints.

21. For the churches of the Stokenham Mission Community, LLM Sarah Pain, and for all who live and worship in Stokenham with Sherford, and Beesands.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

ISAIAH 9:6