



SEPTEMBER PRAYER DIARY

Monday 1st – Saturday 6th

During Creationtide, also known as the Season of Creation, we give thanks for the beautiful world you have created. Stir us to act as individuals, and as your church, to be good stewards of all your hands have made. We pray particularly for people whose lives are most impacted by climate change, move our hearts to love our global neighbours through prayer and action.

1. For the churches of the Barnstaple Mission Community, their clergy Paul Taylor, Martyn Tyrrell, Selina Garner, Benjamin Williams, Marilyn Sanders, Robin Smith, LLMs Peter Nott, Steve Bunce, Jo Pay, Dave Lewis, and for all who live and worship in Sticklepath with Roundswell, Pilton with Ashford, Newport, Goodleigh, Bishops Tawton, Barnstaple St Peter and St Mary Magdalene, and Barnstaple Holy Trinity. For pupils, teachers and staff at Pilton Bluecoat Church of England Academy, Ashleigh Church of England Primary School, and Goodleigh Church of England Primary School.

2. For the churches of the Beacon Parishes Mission Community, their priest Andrew Down, LLMs Hillarie Griggs, Sarah Nichols, Steven Sheldon, Tessa Amies, and for all who live and worship in Woodland, Ipplepen with Torbryan, Denbury, and Broadhempston.

3. In our link with Cyprus and the Gulf, we pray for all the staff in the Diocesan Office in Nicosia, we give thanks for their hard work and service, would you sustain each of them and remind them it is all for your kingdom.

4. For the churches of the Tavistock Area Mission Community, their clergy Matt Godfrey, Nick Law, Judith Blowey, Hazel Butland, Deacon Karen Sharland, LLMs Sheila Gay, Susan Belfield, Liz Bastin, Bob Owens, Anne Palfrey, Sue Allerton, Amanda Harris, Christopher Pancheri, Patti Owens, Sally Pancheri, Wendy Roderick and for all who live and worship in Bere Ferrers with Bere Alston, Brent Tor, Gulworthy, Mary Tavy, Peter Tavy, and Tavistock and Whitchurch. For pupils, teachers and staff at St Rumon's Church of England Infants School, and St Peter's Church of England Junior School.

5. On the International Day of Charity, we give thanks for charities across Devon who support the vulnerable and champion good causes. We pray particularly for Christian charities reaching out to those in need and sharing the love of Christ with them.

6. For the churches of the Bideford and the Four Villages Mission Community, their clergy Claire Rose-Casemore, Ruth Beckett, Robin Pirrie, LLM Sarah Cordingley, and for all who live and worship in Weare Giffard, Monkleigh, Littleham, Landcross, and Bideford. For pupils, teachers and staff at St Mary's Church of England School.

Sunday 7th – Saturday 13th

At the beginning of the new academic year, we pray for all students and staff in schools and colleges across Devon. May this new year bring renewed energy, patience, and compassion. We pray for our CofE schools and academies, that through their visions and values, young people would discover the love of God.

7. For retired clergy. We give thanks for all they have done, all that they do, and all they will continue to do to be faithful to your calling and to serve your church.

8. For the Bovey Valley Mission Community, their clergy Matthew Cashmore, Graham Hamilton, LLMs Carolyn Laycock, David Robinson, and for all who live and worship in Hennock, Bovey Tracey St Peter, St Paul and St Thomas of Canterbury, and Bovey Tracey St John with Heathfield. For pupils, teachers and staff at Blackpool Church of England school, St Catherine's Church of England School, and Islington Church of England School.

9. On Emergency Services Day, we give thanks for those who work in the emergency services, for their hard work and dedication. We ask for provision for services that are severely lacking resources at the moment.

10. On World Suicide Prevention Day, we pray for all those who feel hopeless, that they would have the strength to seek help. Help us to be vigilant to notice those who need support. We give thanks for services which help those who

have suicidal thoughts. We pray that all people would know they are deeply loved by you, and that there is everlasting hope found in Jesus Christ.

11. For the churches of the Bradninch Mission Community, their clergy Olly Mears, Hazel Britton, and for all who live and worship in Bradninch.

12. For the churches of the Braunton Mission Community, their priest David Baker, LLM David Rushmore, and for all who live and worship in Braunton.

13. For the churches of the Brixham Mission Community, their clergy Philippa Bellows, Angela Sumner, LLMs Elaine Vestey, Martyn Hodge, Hilary Hyde, Wendy Emlyn, Margaret Pickthorne, and for all who live and worship in Lower Brixham, All Saints, Kingswear, Churston Ferrers, and Brixham St Mary. For pupils, teachers and staff at Galmpton Church of England Primary School, and Brixham Church of England Primary School.

**‘Then Jesus said to his disciples,
“Whoever wants to be my disciple
must deny themselves and take up
their cross and follow me.”’**

Sunday 14th – Saturday 20th

As students arrive or return to our cities, we pray for all those starting university in the coming weeks, for those who know you, that you would keep them, and for those who don't know you, that you would reach them. We give thanks for the Christian Union, and the Christian Chaplains, would you fill them with love, compassion, and boldness in their witness of you.

14. On Education Sunday, we give thanks for our network of Church of England schools and academies, as well as the children and families, youth workers in our churches engaging with schools, and school staff. We recognise the great pressure on those working in education and we ask that you would sustain them, Lord.

15. For the churches of the Buckland Monachorum Mission Community, their clergy Andy Bowden, Andrew Farmer, LLMs Angela Smith, Paul Nixon, Philip Tuckett, and for all who live and worship in Buckland Monachorum. For pupils, teachers and staff at St Andrew's Church of England Primary School.

16. For the churches of the Central Exeter Mission Community, their priest Sheila Swarbrick, and for all who live and worship in Central Exeter.

17. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux, we pray for all those serving in pastoral teams, especially those supporting parishes in various ministries.

18. For the churches of the Chudleigh Mission Community, their clergy Alex Sharp, LLMs Yasmin Mann, Sheila Fletcher, and for all who live and worship in Trusham, Chudleigh Knighton, Chudleigh. For pupils, teachers and staff at Chudleigh Church of England School, and Chudleigh Knighton Church of England School.

19. On Youth Mental Health Day we pray for young people in our communities, that amidst the pressures and confusion of life, they would know they are loved by a God who is a present help in times of trouble. May they know you and experience your peace. Help us to support, encourage and pray for them.

20. On Patterson's Day give thanks for the life and witness of Bishop John Coleridge Patteson, whose faith and calling were shaped in Devon. May his courage, compassion, and witness inspire us to walk humbly in your service. Be with all who walk the Patteson Way today, that their steps may be guided by your Spirit and their hearts stirred by his example.



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Sunday 21st – Tuesday 30th

During Fairtrade Fortnight we give thanks for Fairtrade and pray for churches engaging with the resources over the coming weeks. May we all be stirred to live more sustainably and ethically, and to love our global neighbours through our prayers and actions. We pray for those most impacted by climate change.

21. On the Feast Day of Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, we give thanks for his Gospel, which testifies that Jesus is the promised Messiah, the fulfilment of all of God's promises. May you teach us and remind us of these truths as we read the Gospel of Matthew.

22. For the churches of the Co Church Exeter Mission Community, their clergy Ed Hodges, Josh Chesworth, Mack Deptula, LLM Melanie Cleveland, and for all who live and worship in Saint Matthew with Saint Sidwell Exeter, Exwick. For pupils, teachers and staff at St Sidwell's Church of England Primary School.

23. For the churches of the Coast & Combe Mission Community, their clergy Mark Ruoff, John Roles, Susan Oldham, Tandi Ruoff, Ann Lewis, LLMs Jenni Coats, Theresa Powell, Dave Richards, Sally-Ann Molligoda, and for all who live and worship in Saint Sabinus, Woolacombe, Saint Matthew, Lee, Morteohoe, Ilfracombe St Philip and St James, Ilfracombe Holy Trinity, Ilfracombe St Peter, Combe Martin, and Bittadon, Berrynarbor. For pupils, teachers and staff at Ilfracombe Church of England Junior School, Ilfracombe College, and Berrynarbor Church of England School.

24. For the churches of the Coast and Country Mission Community, their clergy Matthew Gorton, LLMs Frank Robinson, Peter Barker, Jeff Hacon, and for all who live and worship in Strete, Stoke Fleming, East Allington, and Blackawton.

25. For the churches of the Crediton Mission Community, their clergy Matthew Tregenza, Jeremy Putnam, Sandra Collier, LLMs Carol Price, Jack Shelley, Antonia Tregenza, Ian Stobart, and for all who live and worship in Shobrooke, Sandford with Upton Hellions, and Crediton.

26. In our link with Thika, we pray for the Rt. Rev'd Julius Wanyoike, the Bishop of Thika and his wife Esther, President of the Mothers Union in Thika. May you bless them in their ministries.

27. For the churches of the Cullompton Mission Community, their priest Edward Hobbs, and for all who live and worship in Cullompton.

28. For the churches of the Culm Valley Mission Community, their clergy Ben Maynard, Nigel Fry, LLM Chris Russell, and for all who live and worship in Willand, Uffculme, and Kentisbeare.

29. During Generosity Week, we give thanks for the generosity of the Church which provides for the needs of those inside and outside our walls. Stir us to live generously as we have been called to, remembering that everything we have belongs to you. Freely we have received, help us to freely give.

30. For the churches of the Dart and Avon Mission Community, their clergy Gina Radford, Alexandra Holmes, LLM David Harwood, and for all who live and worship in Staverton with Landscope, South Brent, Rattery, Littlehempston, Dean Prior, and Buckfastleigh.

Amen.



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