OCTOBER PRAYER DIARY

Reflecting on the words of John 1:5, we pray:

Lord, we thank you that you are the light in the darkness. When our world feels full of trouble, pain, and suffering, remind us that you are our hope, and will fill us with your peace and strength. We ask that you would be the light that guides us through the dark valleys we face. Amen.

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

Wednesday 1st – Saturday 4th

During Black History Month, we give thanks for the diversity of the church, and lament times when Christianity has been misused to divide and oppress. Remind us that all people are made in the image of God and help us to grow together in love and unity.

1. For the churches of the Littleham cum Exmouth with Lympstone Mission Community, their clergy Steve Jones, Benedict Cambridge, Heidi Budden, Shaun Tipton, LLMs Diana West, Demelza Henderson, and for all who live and worship in Lympstone, and Littleham Cum Exmouth. For pupils, teachers and staff at Littleham Church of England School, the Beacon Church of England School, and Lympstone Church of England School.

2. For the churches of the Lyn Valley Mission Community, their priest Miles Welborn, and for all who live and worship in Trentishoe, Parracombe, Martinhoe, Lynton, Countisbury, and Brendon. For pupils, teachers and staff at Lynton Church of England School, and Parracombe Church of England School.

3. For the churches of the Malborough Mission Community, their LLM Debbie Plummer, and for all who live and worship in Malborough, and Salcombe and South Huish. For pupils, teachers and staff at Malborough Church of England School, and Salcombe Church of England School.

4. On the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi, we pray his words: 'I beg you, Lord, let the fiery, gentle power of your love take possession of my soul, and snatch it away from everything under heaven, that I may die for love of your love as you saw fit to die for love of mine.'

Sunday 5th – Saturday 11th

During Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we pray for all those living with breast cancer, their families and friends, and for all those who have lost loved ones to breast cancer. We give thanks for organisations working to prevent and treat breast cancer. We pray those who are currently fighting this disease would know you are near, God.

5. For the churches of the Modbury Mission Community, their clergy Oli Long, LLMs Joyce Howitt, Gilbert Snook,and for all who live and worship in Ringmore, Modbury, Kingston, Bigbury, and Aveton Gifford. For pupils, teachers and staff at Aveton Gifford Church of England School.

6. For the churches of the Netherexe Parishes Mission Community, their clergy Tim Collins, Deborah Leighton Plom, Julia Dallen, LLMs Simon Friend, Laura Ford, and for all who live and worship in Upton Pyne, Thorverton, Stoke Canon with Huxham, Rewe with Nether Exe, Newton St Cyres, Cadbury, and Brampford Speke. For pupils, teachers and staff at Thorverton Church of England School, Brampford Speke Church of England School, and Stoke Canon Church of England School.

7. 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.

8. For the churches of the Newton Abbot Mission Community, their clergy Gareth Regan, Jonathan Bealey, LLMs Graham Whittle, Keith Butler, and for all who live and worship in Newton Abbot and Ogwell, and Milber. For pupils, teachers and staff at All Saints Church of England, and Wolborough Church of England School.

9. For the churches of the North Creedy (East) Mission Community, their priest Janet May, LLM Laura Armstrong, and for all who live and worship in Woolfardisworthy East, Washford Pyne, Stockleigh Pomeroy, Puddington, Poughill, Kennerleigh, and Cheriton Fitzpaine with Stockleigh English.

10. On World Mental Health Day, we pray for all those struggling with their mental health, help us to support, encourage and pray for one another when we become overwhelmed. Lord, thank you that you call all people to come to you and receive your peace, and that you are 'a very present help in times of trouble.' (Psalm 46:1)

11. For the churches of the North Kenn Team Mission Community, their priest Martin Wood, and for all who live and worship in Whitestone with Oldridge, Tedburn St Mary, Holcombe Burnell, and Cheriton Bishop.

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Sunday 12th – Saturday 18th

During Baby Loss Awareness Week, we pray for all those who have suffered the loss of a child. Lord, we thank you that you are near to those who are in pain, that you yourself are 'acquainted with grief', and that one day you will wipe away every tear. Help us weep with those who weep and point them towards your love.

12. For the churches of the North Tamar Mission Community, their priest Philip Conway, LLM Richard Searight, and for all who live and worship in Thrushelton, Stowford, Lifton, Lew Trenchard, Kelly with Bradstone, and Broadwoodwidger. For pupils, teachers and staff at Lew Trenchard Church of England School and Lamerton Church of England School.

13. For the churches of the North Taw Mission Community, their clergy Tim Solosy, Glyn Lewry, Caroline Ruby and Cathering Harper, and for all who live and worship in Heanton Punchardon, Marwood, West Down and Georgeham. For pupils, teachers and staff at Georgeham Church of England School.

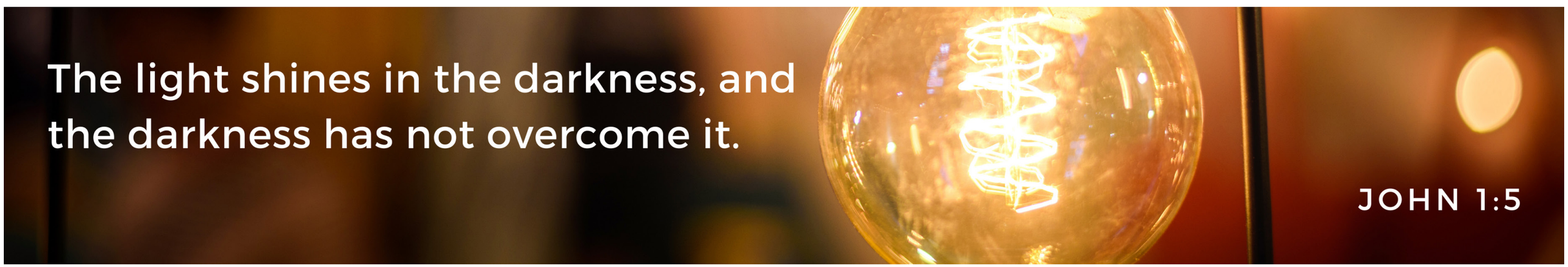
14. For the churches of the Northmoor Mission Community, their clergy Leigh Winsbury, Adrian Brook, Jonathan Cook, LLMs Olive Bush, Maurie Webber, Michael Winter, Lawrie Townson, and for all who live and worship in Sourton, Okehampton, Northlew, Meeth, Lydford, Jacobstowe, Inwardleigh, Hatherleigh, Germansweek, Exbourne, Bridestowe, Bratton Clovelly, and Belstone. For pupils, teachers and staff at Northlew and Ashbury School, St James Church of England School, and Exbourne Church of England School.

15. For the churches of the Otter Vale Mission Community, their clergy Lydia Cook, Mark Ward, David Carrington, Carys Baker, LLMs David Williamson, Caroline Poultney, and for all who live and worship in West Hill, Saint Michael, Tipton St John with Venn Ottery, Payhembury, Ottery St Mary, Newton Poppleford, Harpford, Feniton with Escot, Colaton Raleigh, and Alfington. For pupils, teachers and staff at Tipton St John Church of England School, Feniton Church of England School, and Payhembury Church of England School.

16. For the churches of the Our Lady and All the Saints North Torquay Mission Community, their clergy Nick Debney, Kenny Wickens, LLM Pamela Macey, and for all who live and worship in Saint Marychurch, Torquay, Saint Martin, Barton, Torquay, All Saints, Babbacombe, and Torquay. For pupils, teachers and staff at All Saints Babbacombe School, St Marychurch Church of England, and St Cuthbert Mayne School.

17. For the churches of the Paignton Mission Community, their clergy Neil Knox, Laura McAdam, and for all who live and worship in Paignton. For pupils, teachers and staff at St Michael's Church of England Academy.

18. On Anti-Slavery Day, we lament the millions of people currently trapped in slavery around the world, including in the UK. We pray for freedom, Lord have mercy. Make us diligent to see exploitation around us, and give us boldness to give, act and pray about these issues.



Sunday 19th – Saturday 25th

During National Adoption Week, we pray for all children who do not have parents, and we give thanks for those who adopt children. We pray you would stir those who are able to consider welcoming a child into their families, just as you have adopted us as sons and daughters into your family through Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:5)

19. For the churches of the Paignton Christ Church Mission Community, LLM David Harwood, and for all who live and worship in Paignton St Paul Preston, and Paignton Christ Church.

20. For the churches of the Pinhoe Church with Hope (Pinhope) Mission Community, their clergy Wiz Slater, and for all who live and worship in Pinhoe with Poltimore.

21. For the churches of the Plymouth Charles Mission Community, their clergy Sophie Chatten, Mike Knight, James Harding, Liz Grier, and for all who live and worship in Charles with Saint Matthias and Saint Simon Plymouth.

22. In our link with Thika, we pray for the Namrata Shah Children's home where children come from desperate situations into a home where they will be loved and cared for. We ask for your provision as they seek to raise vital funds.

23. For the churches of the Plymouth Emmanuel Mission Community, their clergy Peter Shaw, Robin Brown, Tony Williams, Bev Cree, Darryl Cree, LLMs Timothy Lyddon, Pam Edwards, Philippa Brown, and for all who live and worship in St. Paul (Efford), and Emmanuel, Plymouth. For pupils, teachers and staff at Compton Church of England School.

24. For the churches of the Plympton Mission Community, their clergy Lizzi Green, Jan Collis, Richard Wakerell, LLM Robert Harrison, and for all who live and worship in Plympton St Maurice, and Plympton St Mary. For pupils, teachers and staff at Plympton St Mary's Church of England School.

25. For the churches of the Plymstock Mission Community, their clergy Carl Budden, Jo Parker, LLMs Graham Dee, Anthony Banbury, and for all who live and worship in Plymstock and Hooe.

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Sunday 26th – Thursday 31st

We pray for children and young people who are on half-term this week, and for the teachers and staff in our schools, would you bring them rest. We give thanks for churches hosting activities this week and pray that children and young people attending would know more of who you are.

26. In our link with Bayeux-Lisieux, we pray for new priests and their parishes, and for seminarians. We also pray for the parishes, their clergy and people in the area of Douvesla-Delivrande.

27. For the churches of the Raleigh Mission Community, their clergy Martin Jacques, and for all who live and worship in Otterton, East Budleigh with Bicton, and Budleigh Salterton. For pupils, teachers and staff at Drake's Church of England School, St Peter's Church of England School, and Otterton Church of England School.

28. For the churches of the Saint Andrew & Saint Paul Mission Community, their clergy Joe Dent, Tim Partridge, Philip Cairns, LLM David Huntley, and for all who live and worship in Saint Paul Stonehouse, and Saint Andrew Plymouth. For pupils, teachers and staff at St Andrew's Church of England School.

29. On the Feast day of Simon and Jude the Apostles, whom you chose as your disciples, we remember their faith, their willingness to follow, and their courageous witness of your truth. We pray that you would give us boldness in our own witness, and help us to trust in you, Jesus.

30. We give thanks for the faithful witness of the Melanesian Brotherhood for the last one hundred years. We honour the vision of Ini Kopuria, whose calling in 1925 sparked a movement of peace, prayer and service. Bless the brotherhood as they continue to shine your light in Melanesia and beyond.

31. We pray for churches who are holding 'light parties' for children, young people and families this week. We pray that they would know the light that you bring, that shines in the darkness, and that they would know your love and care for them.

Amen.