

Sunday 21st – Wednesday 31st

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.

21. For the churches of the Torridge (Coastal) Mission Community, their clergy Jules Harris, Hilary Kemp, Ildiko Varadi-Luong, LLMs Nigel Price, Jonathan Ellis, and for all who live and worship in Westward Ho!, Northam, Appledore, and Abbotsham. For pupils, teachers and staff at the Clinton CofE School.

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

23. For the churches of the Torrington Mission Community, their clergy Steve Turner, and for all who live and worship in Little Torrington, Great Torrington, and Frithelstock. For pupils, teachers and staff at Great Torrington Bluecoat CofE School.

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. For the churches of the Torridge 6 Ecumenical Mission Community, who are currently in vacancy, and all who live in worship in Monokehampton, Iddesleigh, Dowland and Dolton. For pupils, teachers and staff Dolton CofE School.

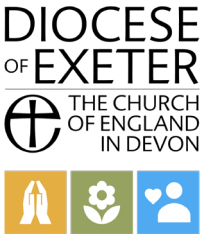
28. For the churches of the Totnes Mission Community, their clergy Jim Barlow, Chris Harris, Chris Martin, Fiona Wimsett, Jane Frost, Frances French, LLMs Elizabeth Waterson, Richard Frost, Paul Truby, Jonathan Drummond-Smith, Alan Hill, Alison Fisher, and for all who live and worship in Totnes with Bridgetown, Stoke Gabriel, Marldon, Harberton, Dartington, Cornworthy, and Berry Pomeroy, Ashprington. For pupils, teachers and staff at Marldon CofE School, Totnes St Johns CofE School, Dartington CofE School, and Berry Pomeroy CofE School.

29. 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.

30. For the churches of the Trinity Mission Community, their clergy Jonny Elvin, Toby Humphreys, and for all who live and worship in Holy Trinity Exeter. For pupils, teachers and staff at Trinity CofE School.

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.



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DECEMBER PRAYER DIARY

Reflecting on the words of Matthew 2:10, 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.

Monday 1st – Saturday 6th

On National Grief Awareness week, we pray that you would comfort those who are struggling with loss. We ask that you would bring them peace. 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 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. For pupils, teachers and staff at Charleton CofE School.

2. 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.

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 Stokenham Mission Community, LLM Sarah Pain, and for all who live and worship in Stokenham with Sherford and Beesands.

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.

Sunday 7th – Saturday 13th

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.

7. 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. For pupils, teachers and staff at Mary Dean's CofE School.
8. For the churches of the Tavistock Area Mission Community, their clergy Matthew Godfrey, Nick Law, Karen Sharland, Judith Blowey, Hazel Butland, LLMs Christopher Pancheri, Patti Owens, Sheila Gay, Wendy Roderick Hake, Sally Pancheri, Liz Bastin, Bob Owens, Susan Belfield, Amanda Harris, and for all who live and worship in Whitchurch, Tavistock, Peter Tavy, Mary Tavy, Gulworthy, Brent Tor, and Bere Ferrers with Bere Alston.
9. We pray for those in Melanesia during Christmastime, that you would bring them peace and joy during the season.
10. 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.
11. For the churches of the Teign Valley and Haldon Hill Mission Community, their clergy Ruth Frampton, Elizabeth Burren, and for all who live and worship in Dunsford, Dunchideock, Doddiscombsleigh, Christow, Bridford, and Ashton. For pupils, teachers and staff at Diptford CofE School and Harbertonford CofE school.
12. For the churches of the Teignhead Mission Community, their clergy Osaro Omobude, LLM Ruth Bettesworth, and for all who live and worship in Stokeinteignhead, Haccombe, Combeinteignhead
13. For the churches of the Three Rivers Mission Community, their clergy David Sayle, and for all who live and worship in Ugborough, Saint Peter Harbertonford, Moreleigh, Halwell, Ermington, Diptford with North Huish.

Sunday 14th – Saturday 20th

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.

14. For the churches of the Three Wells Mission Community, their clergy Michael Wilkie, LLM Ian Firth, and for all who live and worship in Kingskerswell with Coffinswell, and Abbotskerswell. For pupils, teachers and staff at Kingskwerswill CofE School.
15. For the churches of the Tiverton Mission Community, their clergy Andy Humm, Christian Hill, Miriam Brandon-Wheeler, Charles Wheeler, LLM Jude Taylor, and for all who live and worship in Tiverton, Saint George and Saint Paul, Tiverton St Andrew, Saint Peter Tiverton, and Chevithorne with Cove.
16. For the churches of the Topsham Mission Community, their clergy Louise Grace, and for all who live and worship in Wear, and Topsham.
17. 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.
18. For the churches of the Torquay Central Mission Community, their clergy Peter March, Sam Leach, Jules Johnston, LLMs Jude Fortune, Rose Butt, Edwina Corderoy, and for all who live and worship in Torquay St Luke, Torquay St John, Saint Mary Magdalene Torquay, All Saints Torre. For pupils, teachers and staff at Torre CofE Academy.
19. For the churches of the Torquay West Mission Community, their clergy Paul Ireton, Samantha Stayte, LLM Vicki Osborne, and for all who live and worship in Shiphay Collaton, Cockington.
20. For the churches of the Torridge Mission Community, their clergy Martin Warren, Catherine Duff, LLM Jon Berry, and for all who live and worship in Sheepwash, Shebbear, Petrockstowe, Petersmarland, Newton St Petrock, Merton, Langtree, Huish, and Buckland Filleigh.

