



AUGUST PRAYER DIARY

Saturday 1st – Saturday 8th

During National Marine Week, we celebrate the wondrous designs of the seas. Help us to lament how we have polluted our oceans and respond to the groaning of creation. Teach us to sense your presence in the tides and the currents of the surging seas. Teach us to care for your oceans and all our waterways.

1. On World Lung Cancer Day, we pray for those who are suffering with lung cancer, and for their loved ones. We pray that they would know you are near to them and that you would bring them comfort and peace. We give thanks for charitable organisations who support those with lung cancer and for those who are working towards finding a cure.

2. For the churches of the Axe Valley Mission Community, their clergy Leisa Potter, Nicky Davies, Cate Edmonds, LLMs Su Clark, Ann Gray, Anna Venables, and for all who live and worship in Uplyme, Membury, Combyne with Rousdon, Chardstock St Andrew, Axmouth, Axminster, and All Saints. For pupils, teachers and staff at Mrs Ethelston's CofE School, All Saints CofE School, and St Andrew's CofE School.

3. We pray for all those who will be attending christian camps and festivals over the summer, particularly those who don't yet know Jesus. We pray that they would draw near to you and you would reveal yourself to them. We give thanks for teams and volunteers who through their serving, help make Christian events happen over the summer.

4. For the churches of the Barnstaple Mission Community, their clergy Paul Taylor, Martyn Tyrrell, Marilyn Sanders, Benjamin Williams, Elizabeth Flaherty, Alison Hope, Ildiko Varadi-Luong, LLMs David Lewis, Christina Shields, Steve Bunce, Peter Nott, Jo Pay, 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 CofE School, Ashleigh CofE School, and Goodleigh CofE School.

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

6. As we remember the Transfiguration of our Lord, when Jesus revealed His divine nature to the disciples, we pray that all would have a powerful encounter with Jesus, the Son of God. May our lives reflect His light, help us listen to Him, as God commands. (Matthew 17:5).

7. 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 CofE School.

8. In our link with the Diocese of Thika, we give thanks for the food security and water conservation project in Thungururu. We also pray for the famers as they learn new practices and support one another and for those managing this project.

Sunday 9th – Saturday 15th

Ahead of International Youth Day (12th August), we give thanks for young people across Devon and pray that they would encounter you and know your unconditional love and peace. We thank you for youth workers and volunteers working to reach young people with the Gospel. As we think of the young people in our lives, we lift their names to you.

9. On Mary Sumner Day, we remember and give thanks for the life and work of Mary Sumner, who founded Mothers' Union. We give thanks for the ministry of Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Exeter, who serve and support families and communities in a number of ways. We pray that you would bless their fruitful ministry, and we give thanks for all those who are involved.

10. For the churches of the Bovey Valley Mission Community, their clergy Matthew Cashmore, Graham Hamilton, LLMs Carolyn Laycock, Richard Orr, 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 CofE School, St Catherine's CofE School, and Islington CofE School.

11. We give thanks for the Mothers' Union, celebrating 150 years of faithful service to families and communities across the world and in Melanesia. Bless and strengthen all its members, that they may continue to share your love, upholding women, children, and family life

with compassion and hope. May their witness bring unity, peace, and transformation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

13. For the church of the Braunton Mission Community, their clergy David Baker, LLM and for all who live and worship in Braunton.

14. On A-Level Results Day, we pray for all those who are receiving their exam results. Lord, we remember that you know the plans you have for us, plans which will prosper and not harm us, plans that give us hope and a future (Jeremiah 29:11)

15. On the Day of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we give thanks and remember how Mary was chosen to be the mother of your only Son, Jesus, who saves us from our sins. May we share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom.

Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy;

without holiness no one will see the Lord.

Sunday 16th – Saturday 22nd

During the summer holidays, we pray that those who visit Devon would feel welcomed and find it a place to encounter you. We give thanks to our churches, local Christian camps and festivals, Devon Pilgrim routes and summer holiday clubs, and pray that those who take part will encounter you.

16. For the churches of the Brixham Mission Community, their clergy Andy Atkins, Philippa Bellows, Angela Sumner, LLMs Elaine Vestey, Margaret Pickthorne, Martyn Hodge, Hilary Hyde, Wendy Emlyn, 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 CofE School and Brixham CofE School.

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

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

19. In our link with Diocese in Bayeux-Lisieux, we pray for those in communities where, in this extreme heat, there is a risk of wildfires, particularly in the National Regional Parks in the Diocese. Creator God, provide rain where it is needed, and help us to care for your creation.

Help us all to be faithful stewards of the gifts you have entrusted to us, showing compassion to our neighbours in these extraordinary times of heat, and sharing the love of Christ with our neighbours overseas.

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

21. On GCSE Results Day, we pray for all those receiving their results, for those who are celebrating and for those who are disappointed. We pray that they would be filled with your peace and know that they are not defined by their results, but they are treasured by their Father in Heaven, regardless of their grades.

22. For the churches of the Co Church Exeter Mission Community, their clergy Ed Hodges, Josh Chesworth, Robin Talbot, LLM Melanie Cleveland, and for all who live and worship in Saint Matthew with Saint Sidwell Exeter, and Exwick. For pupils,



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Sunday 23rd – Monday 31st

As September is approaching, we pray for those who are thinking about their next steps. Whether it be starting university or college, a new school, or a new job, we pray that they would be reminded that you are with them in this season of change. Lord, we ask that you would fill them with your peace.

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

24. On the Feast Day of Bartholomew the Apostle, we remember the faith of your disciples, 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.

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

26. For the churches of the Crediton and Upper Creedy Team Ministry, their clergy Matthew Tregenza, Antonia Tregenza, Janet May, Jeremy Putnam, Jeremy Rawlings, LLMs Carol Price, Ian Stobart, Laura Armstrong, and Jack Shelley and for all who live and worship in Crediton, Shobrooke, Sandford with Upton Hellions, Cheriton Fitzpaine, Woolfardisworthy, Kennerleigh, Washford Pyne, Puddington, Poughill, Stockleigh English, Morchard Bishop, Stockleigh Pomeroy, Down St Mary, Clannaborough, Lapford, Nymet Rowland, Coldridge, Bow, Colebrooke, and Zeal Monachorum. For pupils, teachers and staff at Morchard Bishop CofE School.

27. For the church of Cullompton Mission Community, their clergy Edward Hobbs, Toby Humphreys, and for all who live and worship in

Cullompton.

28. In our link with Cyprus and the Gulf, we pray especially for God's grace upon the volunteers who support Bishop Sean and the other ministers, lay and ordained. We hold new communities that may be forming in the light of God's love. In ordinary time, we pray that for those in the Diocese whose lives are not ordinary: those who continue to be affected by turmoil and war. We pray for peace for each of the countries that comprise the Diocese. May they be blessed with leadership that craves peace and offers compassion.

29. As we remember the Death of John the Baptist, who continued to rebuke those in power despite the cost, we pray that we would learn from his boldness, his humility, and his willingness to lay down his life for Jesus, declaring: "He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less." (John 3:30)

30. On National Grief Awareness Day, we pray for those who are grieving. We ask that they would be filled with your peace and your comfort as they experience waves of grief. We remember the words of Psalm 34:18, which says, 'The Lord is close to the broken-hearted, he saves those who are crushed in spirit.'

31. 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, Kentisbeare. For pupils, teachers and staff at Kentisbeare CofE School.

Amen.

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