

Sun 21st – Sat 27th December

21. As we light the fourth candle on the Advent wreath we thank God that he sent his son Jesus to be the light of the world.
22. Please pray for the Whiddon Mission Community. Their clergy: Paul Seaton-Burn, Nick Weldon, Harriet Every, Rita Bullworthy. Readers: Elva Hodgson, Jill Hobbs and their congregations in Throwleigh, Spreyton, South Tawton, Sampford Courtenay, North Tawton, Honeychurch, Hittisleigh, Gidleigh, Drewsteignton, Chagford and Bondleigh.
23. Today we pray our link with the Diocese of Thika. Particularly praying for the work of the parishes in the Giachuki Archdeaconry and their Archdeacon Ven John Wanjihia.
24. Please pray for White Cross Mission Community. Their clergy: Karen Spray, Christopher Cant and their congregations in Woodbury with Exton, Woodbury Salterton, Farringdon, Clyst St Mary, Clyst St George and Aylesbeare.
25. To us a child is born, to us a son is given; let us pray for the people he came to save.
26. As the Church marks the life of Stephen, the first Christian martyr, we pray that we can learn to love our enemies and to seek forgiveness for those who may desire to hurt us.
27. Today we give thanks for the teaching of the blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John.

Christmas is a time when we celebrate the birth of Jesus: When we thank God for his grace, for the forgiveness and freedom that he blessed us with. Take some time to think about your experiences of this in the last year.

Sun 28th – Wed 31st December

28. As we remember The Holy Innocents, those who suffered at the hands of Herod, we pray for all those who feel defenceless against evil.
29. Please pray for the Winkleigh Mission Community. Their minister Peter Norman and reader Clive Jobbins. Pray for their congregations in Winkleigh, Brushford, Broadwoodkelly and Ashreigney.
30. Please pray for Woodleigh Deanery, especially for their Rural Dean Daniel French, their Chapter Clerk John Bell and their Secretary Joyce Howitt.
31. As we look forward to the New Year we ask God that you will strengthen us in your service and fill our hearts with longing for your kingdom.

Prayers

1. As we mark World Aids Day Christian Aid urges us to pray:
As we remember those living with HIV at this time may we use all our energy and imagination and trusting in your steadfast love be united in conquering disease and fear. christianaid.org.uk
2. In this first week of Advent, a season of expectation and preparation, we ask God to help us to be watchful as we anticipate Christ's birth.
3. Please pray for clergy as they attend a Safeguarding Training Day and pray for all the staff in the safeguarding team.
4. We pray for our link Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf and pray with them their diocesan prayer:
God of infinite compassion and gentleness, you call us to be your people in every place to which you lead us. In this our earthly pilgrimage walk alongside us as our guide, sustain us by your Word and holy sacraments and raise our eyes to see your glory in all you have made and to be your new creation, through Jesus Christ our ascended Lord.
Amen

Mon 1st – Sat 6th December
This week pray for all affected by disease, especially for those with HIV and those suffering with the Ebola virus. Give thanks for all who bring comfort, care and healing.

5. Please pray for all those who work with children and young people. For Diocesan Director of Education: Youth and Children's Work, Philip Mantell, Children's Work Adviser Katherine Lyddon, Youth Work Adviser Paul Reisbach and all involved in the care and nurture of young people.
6. Please pray for Torbay Deanery, especially for their Rural Dean Paul Jones, their Lay Chair Christopher Goldsmith, their Secretary Robert Osmund and their Treasurer Stephen Macey.

Prayers

Sunday 7th –
Saturday 13th December
Please remember in
your prayers this week
all refugees and asylum
seekers in this country who
are far from home and loved
ones at Christmas time.

*“Therefore I tell
you whatever
you ask in prayer,
believe that you
have received
it, and it will be
yours.”* MARK 11:24

7. On this Second Sunday of Advent we pray that the light of God’s coming may dawn on all who live in darkness.
8. We pray for all who are cold and hungry during the cold winter months. May we have eyes to see those who need our help.
9. Pray for all clergy spouse as they attend a retreat day.
10. Today is Human Rights Day. Pray for the honouring of human rights and for the relief of the oppressed.
11. Please pray for the Uplyme and Axmouth Mission Community: their clergy: Kate Woolven, Shuna George and their readers: Roger Grose and Hilary Harron.
12. Please pray for the Archbishop of the Diocese of Central Melanesia, the Most Rev David Vunagi. We thank God for the recent visit of his wife Mary to our diocese.
13. Today we remember the Upper Culm Mission Community. Their minister: David Burton and reader: Katharine Simson and the congregations at Hemyock with Culm Davy, Culmstock and Clayhidon.

Sunday 14th – Saturday 20th December

Consider a friend this Christmas time. Is there a favour you could do them instead of giving them a gift? Is there a favour they could do for you?

14. Pray that with the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world.
15. We pray for the West Dartmoor Mission Community. Their clergy: Nick Shutt, Gary Shirley and Patrick Parkes and their readers: Kerry Elson and Anthony Giddings. Pray for their congregations in Yelverton, Walkhampton, Princetown, Sheepstor, Sampford Spiney, Meavy and Horrabridge.
16. Please pray for Totnes Deanery, Rural Dean Julian Ould and Lay Chair David Stafford.
17. Pray for our link Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux and their Bishop Mgr Jean-Claude Boulanger. Pray especially for the steering group, plans for the next conference and visits to be made in the New Year.
18. Please pray for the West Exe Mission Community. Their clergy: Jerry Bird, Nick Edwards, Anne Dowdeswell, Anne Dunlop and their reader: Philip Baker. Pray for their congregations in Exeter Emmanuel, St Thomas and Exwick.
19. As diocesan staff attend their Carol Service in Exeter Cathedral, please pray for the work and mission of the diocese.
20. Pray for all those who come into our churches during the Christmas period. That their experience may lead them to a deeper connection with God.

