

Sunday 19th – Thursday 30th

The Great British Beach Clean is a week-long citizen science event this year from 17th - 26th, where hundreds of beach cleans take place up and down the UK. Litter data collected drives our conservation work and also feeds into the International Coastal Clean-up (ICC). We pray that this week will inspire many to appreciate and help look after our special part of the South West Coast.

19. For the Brixham Mission Community, their clergy Stephen Yates, John Gay, Angela Sumner, readers Hilary Hyde, Elaine Vestey, Wendy Emlyn, and for all who live and worship in Lower Brixham, All Saints, Kingswear, Churston Ferrers, Brixham St Mary and Brixham All Saints.

20. For the Buckland Monachorum Mission Community, their clergy Andy Bowden, Andrew Farmer, readers Mark Smith, Paul Nixon, Angela Smith, and for all who live and worship in Buckland Monachorum.

21. On World Alzheimer's Day we pray for all those affected by Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia and for their loved ones and carers.

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

23. For the Coast & Combe Mission Community, their clergy John Roles, Giles King-Smith, Ann Lewis, reader Sally-Ann Molligoda, and for all who live and worship in Ilfracombe Holy Trinity & St Peter's, Ilfracombe St Philip and St James, Bittadon, Combe Martin, Berryarbor, Lee, Morteohoe, Woolacombe.

24. In our link with Bayeux-Lisieux we pray for the Institut Normand de Sciences Religieuses and the development of theological learning among clergy and lay people. For parishes, their clergy and people in the area of Caen.

25. We pray for all those being ordained to the priesthood today, that they will be filled and led by the Holy Spirit throughout their ministry.

26. For the Coast and Country Mission Community, their priest Alison Shaw, reader Jenny Harris, and for all who live and worship in Strete, Stoke Fleming, East Allington, Blackawton.

27. In our link Cyprus and the Gulf we pray for the many parishioners who have lost jobs as a result of the suffering economies. We thank and pray for the Church as it continues to be a main support in many ways. All of the Gulf parishes have engaged in different ways with food provision and other material help for those in need.

28. For the Crediton Mission Community, their priest Matthew Tregenza, readers Carol Price, Sandra Collier, and for all who live and worship in Shobrooke, Sandford with Upton Hellions, Crediton.

29. Today is marked as Michael and All Angels Day. Father in heaven, when the angels greeted the birth of your Son they sang for joy 'Glory to God and peace on earth'. Bless with Christ's peace the nations of the world.

30. On World Maritime Day we pray for those who serve, live and work at sea and for Devon businesses who rely on the coast and all it provides.

Amen.



SEPTEMBER PRAYER DIARY

At the start of this new academic year, we lift to everywhere and everyone involved with education.

After the challenges of the last year, we pray for all those with new beginnings, that they would settle quickly and know that they are loved, valued and belong.

We yearn for education to be holistic, developing character and spirituality as much as the mind.

We lift to you all those for whom it is their place of work, that you would give them the resources and strength that they need.

We pray for your protection that children would be the priority in the midst of so many competing demands and pressures.

And Lord, we ask for your grace and provision for all.

That this would be a time of fresh hope and faith no matter what challenges we face.

We ask all this in the name of your loving son, Jesus. Amen.

Wednesday 1st – Saturday 4th

As we welcome the autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest. May the brilliant colors of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your creation. May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary and life is eternal.

1. For the Alphington Mission Community, their priest Mike Partridge, and for all who live and worship in Shillingford St George, Ide, Alphington.

2. On the first day of a new academic year we pray for the wellbeing of our school leaders and teachers. We pray that teaching will be less interrupted this year and that they may have wisdom and compassion as they play a huge role in shaping future generations.

3. We pray for Rt Rev Julius Wanyoike, Bishop of our link Diocese of Thika and his Administrative

Secretary Ven James Kamura. The Mothers' Union, the powerhouse of the Church, and Mrs Esther Wanyoike the president. Also, for Ven David Murage, the Director for Sector Ministries who heads up Children's Ministry, Mothers' Union, Men's groups and Youth.

4. For the Ashburton & Moorland Mission Community, their clergy Mark Rylands and Geoffrey Fenton, their Licensed Lay Worker Heidi Lewis and for all who live and worship in Widecombe in the Moor, Leusdon, Holne with Huccaby, Ashburton with Buckland in the Moor and Bickington.

Sunday 5th – Saturday 11th

Lord, be with the Freshers of 2021 starting at Devon's University of Exeter, University of Plymouth and Plymouth Marjon University. Guide them, fill them with hope and compassion and give them a thirst for learning. Though things might be different than planned, let each of them grow in faith, experience your call in their lives, and know that even in the uncertainty, you are with them.

5. On International Day of Charity we thank God for the acts of good will and generosity in the world. We pray for local Devon charities such as Transforming Plymouth Together and Young Devon who do amazing work for people from all walks of life.

6. Today is the first day of Rosh Hashanah. Along with celebrating the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah celebrates the creation of the world. We also take this time to thank our Lord for this gift.

7. For the Aune Valley Mission Community, their priest Daniel Hartley, and for all who live and worship in Woodleigh, Thurlestone, South Milton, Loddiswell, Churchstow.

8. For the Axe Valley Mission Community, their clergy Clive Sedgewick, Nicky Davies, Cate Edmonds, Shuna George, Tracey Voysey, reader Su Clark, and for all who live and worship in Uplyme, Membury, Combyne with Rousdon, Chardstock St Andrew, Axmouth, Axminster, All Saints All Saints.

9. We take this day thank and pray for members of the UK emergency services. While resources have been stretched to their limit over the last 18 months, the commitment of this group of key workers has been astounding and we ask for protection over each one of them.

10. Today is World Suicide Prevention Day. We pray for all those who feel vulnerable and are struggling to ask for help. Could you reach out to someone and be a listening ear or offer to pray for them?

11. Today we pray for and celebrate with all those being ordained in Exeter Cathedral. 20 years on since 9/11 we pray for people across the world affected by terrorism.

Sunday 12th – Saturday 18th

In this important month for our partnership in the Gospel with the Anglican church of Melanesia, we give thanks and pray especially for the effects of rising sea levels in these island communities. May we be mindful of our own impact on climate change and respect God's beautiful gift of world we live in.

12. For the Barnstaple Mission Community, their clergy David Fletcher, Paul Taylor, Guy Chave-Cox, Cathy Scoffield, Shirley Paterson, Marion Sanders, readers Peter Nott, Joanna 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, Barnstaple Holy Trinity.

13. For the Beacon Parishes Mission Community, their priest Andrew Down, reader Hillarie Griggs, and for all who live and worship in Woodland, Ipplepen with Torbryan, Denbury, Broadhempston.

14. On Holy Cross Day we pray: Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

15. For the Bere Ferrers with Bere Alston Mission Community, their priest Nick Law, and for all who live and worship in Bere Ferrers with Bere Alston.

16. For the Bideford and the Four Villages Mission Community, their clergy Claire Rose-Casemore, Marisa Cockfield, Kevin Beer, Robin Pirrie, Christopher Hutchins, reader Sarah Cordingley, and for all who live and worship in Weare Giffard, Monkleigh, Littleham, Landcross, Bideford.

17. For the Bovey Valley Mission Community, their clergy Graham Hamilton and Nick Debney, reader Carolyn Laycock, and for all who live and worship in Bovey Tracey St Peter, St Paul and St Thomas of Canterbury, Hennock, Bovey Tracey St John with Heathfield and Islington.

18. We pray for the new Patteson's Way pilgrimage route in East Devon being officially opened by the Archbishop of Canterbury and for the Commemorative Eucharist at Exeter Cathedral for the 150th anniversary of Bishop John Coleridge Patteson, martyrdom on 20th September 1871. We give thanks that Patteson, a priest from Devon, took the Good News to the islands of the pacific, and that today Christianity is flourishing across Melanesia.

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion,

'Your God reigns!'

Isaiah 52:7