

## Sunday 23rd – Monday 31st

Lord, in the midst of winter, we pray for everyone who feels isolated, lonely and hopeless. We thank you for local organisations working hard to make sure no-one is suffering alone: the Samaritans, the Farming Community Network, Pete's Dragons and many others. Help us to spot those who may be struggling where we live.

23. For the Torquay Central Mission Community, their clergy Peter March, Stephen Ball, Peter Jackson, Emma Dornan, and for all who live and worship in Torquay St Luke, Torquay St John, Saint Mary Magdalene Torquay, All Saints Torre.

24. For the Torquay West Mission Community, its clergy Paul Ireton, Dave George, Paul Evans, reader Jeff Hacon, and for all who live and worship in Shiphay Collaton, Cockington.

25. For the Torridge Mission Community, its clergy Martin Warren, Susanna Metz, reader Jon Berry, and for all who live and worship in Sheepwash, Shebbear, Petrockstowe, Petersmarland, Newton St Petrock, Merton, Langtree, Huish, Buckland Filleigh.

26. As Scotland celebrates its tradition of Burns Night, we thank our Lord that our people are one in nation and in Jesus' love for us. Today also marks the Inauguration of the Anglican Church of Melanesia in 1975.

27. On Holocaust Memorial Day we pray: Loving God, we come to you with heavy hearts, remembering the six million Jewish souls murdered during the Holocaust. In the horrors of that history, when so many groups were targeted because of

their identity, and in genocides which followed, we recognise destructive prejudices that drive people apart. Forgive us when we give space to fear, negativity and hatred of others, simply because they are different from us. Through our prayers and actions, help us to stand together with those who are suffering, so that light may banish all darkness, love will prevail over hate and good will triumph over evil.

28. For the Torridge (Coastal) Mission Community, its clergy Derek Arnold, Roger Elks, Susan Davies-Fletcher, readers Nigel Price, Anne Foster, and for all who live and worship in Westward Ho!, Northam, Appledore, Abbotsham.

29. For the Torridge 6 Ecumenical Mission Community, its clergy Susan Oldham, and for all who live and worship in Monkeokehampton, Iddesleigh, Dowland, Dolton.

30. For the Torridge and Taw Mission Community, their clergy Susan Spankie, and for all who live and worship in Westleigh, Instow, Fremington.

31. In our link with Cyprus and the Gulf, we pray for Archbishop Michael, Bishop of Cyprus and the Gulf Diocese.

# Amen.

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THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND  
IN DEVON



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# JANUARY PRAYER DIARY

**Dear Lord, as 2022 begins we thank you that we are stepping into this new year alongside you. We thank you that you are always with us, through good times and hard times and look forward with hope to all that lies ahead over the next 12 months.**

## Saturday 1st – Saturday 8th

**We pray for young people in Devon that this year may bring opportunities for them to know you and to learn to rely on your Holy Spirit for guidance and direction. We pray by name for any young people known to us.**

1. On the first day of 2022, we pray for everyone in our own community, that they may be filled with hope for this year.

2. For the Silverton Mission Community, its clergy Paul Kingdom, and for all who live and worship in Silverton, Cadeleigh, Butterleigh, Bickleigh.

3. For the Start Bay Mission Community, readers Andy McMullin, Ken Ball, and for all who live and worship in South Pool, Slapton, East Portlemouth, Chivelstone, Charleton, Buckland-Tout-Saints.

4. Today we pray for Prison Chaplains. Their role in an often-unseen part of society is vital to share God's love and message with everyone. We pray for their safety and wisdom in their vocation.

5. For the South Dartmoor Mission Community, its clergy Paul Hinckley, reader Tricia Stringer, and for all who live and worship in Sparkwell, Ivybridge, Harford, Cornwood.

6. For the South Molton Mission Community, its clergy Michael Grandey, David Coleman, Christopher Pouncey, readers John Cundill, Deborah Bayliss, and for all who live and worship in Warkleigh with Satterleigh, South Molton with Nymet Saint George, Kingsnympton, Filleigh, Chittlehampton with Umberleigh, Chittlehamholt.

7. As we celebrate Epiphany and the star which led those searching for meaning to your Son, we thank you that we can also find meaning by choosing to follow Jesus.

8. For the Stokenham Mission Community, its clergy Michael Berrett, and for all who live and worship in Stokenham with Sherford and Beesands.

## Sunday 9th – Saturday 15th

**Lord, please grant NHS staff courage and perseverance and the ability to make clear decisions. With the pandemic still among us, please protect all those who are vulnerable and those who care for them.**

9. In our link with the Diocese of Thika, Kenya, we pray for the Ven Canon John Mbuthia and the clergy and people Gatanga Archdeaconry. And we pray for the nine parishes where 'Umoja' Church and Community Development Process is enabling sustainable development including Kirimiri parish where Kianjugu church has experienced great transformation. We give thanks.

10. For the Tamar Mission Community, its clergy Andy Atkins, Philip Conway, reader Richard Searight, and for all who live and worship in Thrushelton, Stowford, Milton Abbot with Dunterton, Marystowe, Lifton, Lew Trenchard, Lamerton with Sydenham Damerel, Kelly with Bradstone, Coryton, Broadwoodwidge.

11. For the Tamerton Foliot and Southway Mission Community, its clergy David Gill as he retires at the end of the month, and for all who live and worship in Tamerton Foliot and Southway Southway.

12. Heavenly Father, we pray for the work of the Melanesian Mission. Help us to foster partnerships of love and grace between the church in Melanesia and in Devon, and give us vision to help your Kingdom grow, in Christ's name.

13. For the Tavy Mission Community, its clergy Sean Brassil, Rosie Illingworth, Judith Blowey, Hazel Butland, readers Sue Allerton, Anne Palfrey, Wendy Roderick Hake, Liz Bastin, Sally Pancheri, and for all who live and worship in Whitchurch, Tavistock, Peter Tavy, Mary Tavy, Gulworthy, Brent Tor.

14. For the Teign Valley and Haldon Hill Mission Community, its clergy Ruth Frampton, and for all who live and worship in Dunsford, Dunchideock, Doddiscombsleigh, Christow, Bridford, Ashton.

15. For the Three Rivers Mission Community, its clergy David Sayle, and for all who live and worship in Ugborough, Saint Peter Harbertonford, Moreleigh, Harberton, Halwell, Ermington, Diptford with North Huish.

## Sunday 16th – Saturday 22nd

**This week for National Big Energy Savings Week we pray Bishop Robert's words: Teach us to be responsible stewards of this world and to seek the common good, that through your blessing all may flourish, and creation sing your praise in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

16. World Religion Day The aim of World Religion Day, held on the third Sunday in January every year, is to promote inter-faith understanding and harmony.

17. The third Monday of January is often referred to as Blue Monday. On this day we pray; Heavenly Father, please strengthen our hearts, and remind us to encourage one another when the troubles of life start to overwhelm us.

18. Today the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins so we pray for the unity of Christians, according to your will, according to your means. May your Spirit enable us to experience the suffering caused by division, to see our sin and to hope beyond all hope.

19. For the Three Wells Mission Community, its clergy Michael Wilkie, readers Ian Firth, John Dunn, and for all who live and worship in Kingskerswell, Coffinswell, Abbotskerswell.

20. For the Tiverton Mission Community, its clergy Andy Humm, Justin Montague, Richard Maudsley, readers Jude Taylor, Tim Bradshaw, and for all who live and worship in Tiverton, Saint George and Saint Paul, Tiverton St Andrew, Saint Peter Tiverton, Chevithorne with Cove.

21. In our link with Bayeux-Lisieux we pray; for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and for all ecumenical prayer meetings in Normandy. For those involved in an on-line exchange of preachers during Covid. For Mgr Jacques Habert as he continues his ministry as Bishop of Bayeux-Lisieux.

22. For the Topsham Mission Community, its clergy Louise Grace, Margaret Stirling-Troy, and for all who live and worship in Wear, Topsham.

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."*

*2 Corinthians 5:17*