

Sunday 20th – Monday 28th

Dear Lord, thank you for the Fairtrade movement. We pray for producers to be resilient to the effects of climate change, and for everyone involved in the supply chain to put people and the planet before profit. As consumers, help us to make the right choices for the good of others.

20. For the Yealm and Erme Mission Community, its clergy Alan Ryan, Kim Lovell, and for all who live and worship in Yealmpton, Wembury, Revelstoke, Newton Ferrers, Holbeton and Brixton.

21. We pray for God's blessing on the two new Bishops to be consecrated and installed in the Anglican Church of Melanesia this month. The Rev Othnielson Gamutu will become the first Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Central Melanesia and Revd Charles Koete will become the third Bishop for the Diocese of Central Solomons.

22. For the Alphington Mission Community, its priest Mike Partridge, readers Ruth Ramsbottom, Anthony Cummings, and for all who live and worship in Shillingford St George, Ide and Alphington.

23. For the Ashburton & Moorland Mission Community, its clergy Mark Rylands, Geoffrey Fenton, its Family Mission and Development Worker, Heidi Lewis, and for all who live and worship in Widecombe in the Moor, Leusdon, Holne, Ashburton with Buckland-in-the Moor, Ilsington and Bickington.

24. We pray for Children and Family workers in the dioceses of the South-West. Give them strength and patience in tough situations, and joy and energy to share in fun times. We pray that their important work is valued in the community and inspires others to get involved with social care.

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

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

27. In our link with the Diocese of Thika, Kenya, we pray for The Ven Solomon Thiga and the clergy and people of Gatundu Archdeaconry. We pray for its linked parishes of Gakoe, Gakui, Kairi, Mang'u and Ngoingwa. And we pray for the three churches going through 'Umoja' Church and Community Development Process including Gitwe where 14 'Good Samaritan' groups have been formed in the community, transforming many lives.

28. For the Barnstaple Mission Community, its clergy Guy Chave-Cox, David Fletcher, Paul Taylor, Selina Garner, Marion Sanders, Shirley Paterson, Cathy Scoffield, readers Peter Nott, Joanna Pay, Dave Lewis 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.

Amen.

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FEBRUARY PRAYER DIARY

**Almighty and merciful God,
whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own;
look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger,
homeless and hungry.
Bless those who work to bring them relief;
inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts;
and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will
rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Tuesday 1st – Saturday 5th

Lord, help us to hear your voice through the noise of work, home-life, social media, shopping and society. Prompt us this week to spend time reading the Bible and praying. Put the names of people you would like us to get in touch with on our hearts.

1. For the Totnes Mission Community, their clergy Jim Barlow, Deborah Parsons, Gill Still, Christian Harris, reader Elizabeth Waterson, and for all who live and worship in Totnes with Bridgetown, Stoke Gabriel, Marldon, Dartington, Cornworthy, Berry Pomeroy and Ashprington.

2. Lord God, you are the source of everlasting light. Your son, our beloved Lord Jesus was presented in the temple 40 days after his birth. He was recognised by Simeon and Anna, and welcomed as the promised Messiah. May we like them, behold the glory of the Lord Jesus. Grant that we may stand before you with hearts cleansed by your forgiving love. May we serve you all our days and make your name known as we worship you as our Lord.

3. For the Trinity Mission Community, their clergy Jonny Elvin, and for all who live and worship in Holy Trinity Exeter.

4. For the Two Rivers Mission Community, their clergy Gary Owen, Tracey Doyle, Julia Halpin, readers David Halpin, Tim Overton, Carol Wyatt, Jacque Ward, and for all who live and worship in Yarnscombe, Tawstock, St Giles in the Wood, Roborough, Newton Tracey with Alverdiscott, Huntshaw, Horwood, High Bickington, Beaford and Atherington.

5. For the Unlimited Church Mission Community and its priest Helen Sherlock.

Sunday 6th – Saturday 12th

During Children’s Mental Health week, we pause to pray for young people in our society who may be facing problems and anxieties. We pray that they would get the support they need and feel God’s presence in times of worry, fear and sadness.

6. For the Upper Culm Mission Community, its priest Becky Totterdell, reader David Major, and for all who live and worship in Hemyock with Culm Davy, Culmstock and Clayhidon.

7. As Marriage Week begins, we thank You for marriage, which reflects Christ’s love for us. May it continue to be honoured and recognised within our society as the principal means of providing lasting security and love between two people, and to families.

8. For the West Dartmoor Mission Community, its clergy Andrew Thomas, Miranda Donne, Philippa Bellows, reader Martin Jury, and for all who live and worship in Yelverton, Walkhampton, Sheepstor, Sampford Spiney, Meavy and Horrabridge.

9. For the West Exe Mission Community, its clergy Jerry Bird, David Nixon, Sarah Cumming, Alison Whiting, and for all who live and worship in Saint Thomas Exeter and Exwick.

10. In our link with Cyprus and the Gulf we pray for its Synod meeting. May leaders and representatives come together and have the strength and wisdom to make the best decisions for the Church.

11. This day is recognised by the UN as the International Day of Women and Girls in Science. Lord, we pray for women and girls across the world to be inspired to pursue careers in Science and Technology. We pray that the obstacles so often in this career path will be removed and that women in the workplace will be appreciated for their talents and wisdom.

12. For the Whiddon Mission Community, its clergy Paul Seaton-Burn, Harriet Every, Mark Neave, Wes Cutler, readers Kay Pyne, Jill Hobbs, and for all who live and worship in Spreyton, South Tawton, Sampford Courtenay, North Tawton, Honeychurch, Hittisleigh, Gidleigh with Throwleigh, Drewsteignton, Chagford and Bondleigh.

Sunday 13th – Saturday 19th

We pray for the relationships we are part of to be filled with love, support and understanding – whether that is a marriage, friendship, sibling or parent, child or grandparent relationship or our work colleagues. Please bring forgiveness and healing where relationships are broken.

13. For the White Cross Mission Community, its priest Bill Lemmey, reader Christine Grist, and for all who live and worship in Woodbury with Exton, Woodbury Salterton, Farringdon, Clyst St Mary, Clyst St George and Aylesbeare.

14. A prayer on St Valentine’s Day: Loving Father I pray for an open heart and mind, so that I may recognise and be grateful for all the love in my life. I pray that I might find a new sense of wholeness, joy and peace in your love. Remove all obstacles so I may grow in love throughout my life.

15. On Singleness Awareness Day, we pray for all single people whatever their past or present circumstances. We pray they will know your fulfilment and be supported by strong relationships with family and friends.

16. For the Winkleigh Mission Community, its priest Helen Blaine, and for all who live and worship in Winkleigh, Brushford, Broadwood Kelly and Ashreigney.

17. For the Withycombe Raleigh Mission Community, its clergy Robert Sellers, Stephen Hoyle, and for all who live and worship in Withycombe Raleigh.

18. On this Random Acts of Kindness Day, we think of how we could show kindness to a neighbour or a stranger. Help us to stay humble and put others first.

19. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux, France, we pray for those in Pastoral teams, especially those preparing others to support parishes in various ministries: catechesis, tourism, taking funerals. Also, for parishes, their clergy and people in the area of Falaise.

1 Corinthians 13:4-5

Love is patient, Love is kind.

It does not envy,

IT DOES NOT BOAST, IT IS NOT PROUD.

IT DOES NOT DISHONOUR OTHERS,

it is not self-seeking,

IT IS NOT EASILY ANGERED,

it keeps no record of wrongs.