

Sunday 24th – Thursday 31st

As the summer school term begins, we pray for our schools, the children who go to them and the teachers and other staff members tasked with helping every child to achieve their God-given potential. After so much disruption, we pray that they will know the uncomplicated joys of summer school days.

24. For the Forder Valley Mission Community, its clergy Chris Routledge, Keith Murphy, Ann Hosking, and for all who live and worship in Eggbuckland with Estover.

25. For the Four Ways Mission Community, its priest Shaun O'Rourke, LLM Josie Foster, and for all who live and worship in West Buckland, Swimbridge, Landkey and East Buckland.

26. In our link in Melanesia, we pray that God will provide opportunities for learning so that through education, children and young people will have hope and the right skills for a better future.

27. For the Goodrington Mission Community, its clergy Gary Deighton, Gerda van Ommeren, and for all who live and worship in Goodrington and Collaton St Mary.

28. For the Haldon Mission Community, its clergy Carol Green, Jane Frost, Sue Astbury, LLMs Richard Frost, Anna Venables, and for all who live and worship in Teignmouth West, Teignmouth East, Ideford with Luton, Bishopsteignton and Ashcombe.

29. For the Hartland Coast Mission Community, its clergy Jane Skinner, Madeline Bray, Jane Hayes, and for all who live and worship in Woolfardisworthy West, Welcombe, Parkham, Lundy, Hartland, Clovelly, Bucks Mills, Buckland Brewer and Alwington.

30. For the Heavitree Mission Community, its clergy Benjamin Rabjohns, Jolyon Seward, Andrew Johnson, and for all who live and worship in Saint Mary Steps and Heavitree with St Paul Exeter.

Amen.

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APRIL PRAYER DIARY

Lord, I bow my heart before You and give You honor and praise. Oh God, strengthen my prayer life. Help me to truly know who I am in Christ, to understand that You always hear me, to write down my own prayer needs and the needs of others, and to know that You really do know me.

Friday 1st – Saturday 9th

This week of April Fool's Day, we thank you for the gift of faith and the hope we have in you – even when in the eyes of the world it can seem crazy to put our trust in someone we cannot see. Whatever is happening around us, give us strong mustard seeds of faith and help us to know that nothing is impossible with you.

1. For the Dawlish Coast Mission Community, its priest Dallas Ayling, and for all who live and worship in Dawlish with Holcombe and Cofton. We also pray for Patrick Parks, Minister for Starcross and Kenton with Mamhead.

2. On World Autism Day, Father, we thank you for the gift of every child and adult in the autism community. Give us understanding and help us overcome ignorance.

3. For the Devonport Mission Community, its clergy Tim Buckley, Sue Nicholas, Ruth Sayers, readers Lynda Buckley, John Wright, and for all who live and worship in Devonport St Aubyn and Devonport Saint Michael and Saint Barnabas.

4. In our link with Cyprus and the Gulf we pray for the Archdeacon of Cyprus, the Venerable Christopher Fletcher.

5. For the Dunkeswell Mission Community, its priest Jane Penn, and for all who live and worship in Upottery, Sheldon, Plymtree, Luppitt, Dunkeswell and Broadhembury.

6. For the East Clyst Churches Mission Community, its clergy Marc Kerslake, Bernard Lane, Community Chaplain Jude Carter, and for all who live and worship in Whimple, Talaton, Sowton, Rockbeare, Clyst St Lawrence, Clyst Hydon, Clyst Honiton, Broadclyst and Cranbrook.

7. On World Health Day, we pray for those suffering with long-term illness particularly for those with long Covid. May they feel the healing hand of God on this day.

8. For the East Exeter Churches, their clergy Tanya Hockley-Still and Tatiana Wilson, at Saint Mark's, Exeter, and Carl Robinson, at Whipton Saint Boniface.

9. For the Edgemoor Mission Community, its clergy Penny Lawson, Alison Rogers, LLM Richard Holloway, and for all who live and worship in West Anstey, Rose Ash, North Molton with Twitchen, Molland, Mariansleigh, Knowstone, High Bray, East Anstey, Charles and Bishops Nympton.

Sunday 10th – Saturday 16th

Lord God, I give you thanks, for you are good, and your mercy is endless. Here I stand, at the start of Holy Week, looking ahead to Jesus' passion and death. Give me the courage to walk the road of suffering one step at a time, and not be tempted to race ahead to the empty tomb.

10. Father God, thank You that Jesus came humbly, riding on a donkey, proclaiming peace. We pray for peace now, knowing the depths of conflict around us. Make us instruments of your peace and never let us lose hope.

11. For the Elburton Mission Community, its priest James Croucher, LLM Linda Dodwell, and for all who live and worship in Elburton.

12. For Institut Normand de Sciences Religieuses (INSR) [Normandy Institute of Religious Education] and the development of theological learning among clergy and lay people in our link diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux in France. For parishes, their clergy and people in the area of Bretteville-sur-Laize.

13. For the Exe Valley Mission Community, its clergy Steph Gordon-Jeffs, Claire Curtis, and for all who live and worship in Withleigh, Washfield, Templeton, Stoodleigh, Rackenford, Oakford, Loxbeare, Cruwys Morchard and Calverleigh.

14. On Maundy Thursday Jesus showed he was the servant king by washing his disciples feet. Lord God, help us to be humble, to be quick to offer help and slow to stand on ceremony.

15. Lord God, on Good Friday, we stand at the foot of the cross remembering that Jesus paid the price for our sins. We confess those things we should not have done and the things we should have done that we did not.

16. For Exeter Network Church, its leaders Jon and Jo Soper and Bob Wallington.

Sunday 17th – Saturday 23rd

Thank you that your resurrection makes all things new. When the situation seems hopeless you always have a plan and it is good. You hold the keys over death and yours is the power and the victory. Help us live out the good news of Easter in our everyday lives and give us the confidence to share it with others.

17. We pray for each of our churches in the Diocese of Exeter this Easter Sunday and for everyone who is going to church for the first time or after a long time away. May they experience a warm welcome and an invitation to know you better.

18. Dear Lord, we pray for families this Easter Monday and for those who are spending the day alone. Help us all to use this bank holiday to spend time with people dear to us or to connect with someone in our community who is lonely.

19. For the Five Alive East Devon Mission Community, its priest Julie Lomas, LLMs Anna Crabbe, Gill Heighway, and for all who live and worship in Yarcombe, Stockland, Shute, Kilmington and Dalwood.

20. We give thanks for all our Rural Deans, praying that they will know God's love, guidance and pastoral care as they minister alongside deanery clergy. May each be blessed, encouraged and strengthened in their faith.

21. For the Five Red Churches Mission Community, its priest John Williams, and for all who live and worship in Powderham, Kenn and Exminster.

22. Lord, grant us the wisdom to care for the earth and cultivate it. Help us to act now for the good of future generations and all your creatures. Help us to become instruments of a new creation, founded on the covenant of your love.

23. Lord God, you lit the flame of love in the heart of your servant St George, so that he was a powerful witness to your triumph over death. Help us to have the courage to be powerful witnesses for you too.

PRAISE BE TO THE GOD AND
FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST! IN HIS GREAT MERCY
HE HAS GIVEN US NEW BIRTH
INTO A LIVING HOPE THROUGH
THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS
CHRIST FROM THE DEAD.

1 Peter 1:3