

Sunday 20th – Wednesday 30th

As the Season of Advent begins, we pray for our churches as they prepare for Christmas. We pray for those in our communities experiencing anxiety due to the cost of living crisis, and pray that our churches can be a place of support, provision and hope this Christmas.

20. On World Children's Day we pray for children in our families and communities, we give thanks for the wonder of child-like faith. We also pray for Children and Families workers in churches across Devon, that you would strengthen and sustain them.

21. For the Offwell Mission Community, its priest Jeremy Putman, and for all who live and worship in Widworthy, Offwell and Farway.

22. For the Otter Vale Mission Community, its clergy Lydia Cook, David Carrington, Mark Ward, LLMs David Williamson, Caroline Poultney, and for all who live and worship in West Hill, St. Michael, Tipton St. John with Venn Ottery, Payhembury, Ottery St. Mary, Newton Poppleford, Harpford, Feniton, Escot, Colaton Raleigh, and Alington.

23. For the Our Lady and All the Saints North Torquay Mission Community, its clergy Paul Jones, Nick Debney, LLM Pamela Macey, and for all who live and worship in Torquay St. Martin Barton, St. Marychurch, and Babbacombe.

24. In our link with Melanesia, we pray for the Diocese of Malaita in the Solomon Islands as they elect a new Bishop, we also give thanks for the service of the Rt. Rev'd Sam Sahu as he retires, as well as his wife Rose.

25. On the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, we give thanks for organisations working to create a world free

of prejudice and discrimination and violence against women. We pray for all those who are still victims of abuse, may your Church lead by example as we seek equality and justice.

26. For the Our Lady of Glastonbury Mission Community, its clergy David Bailey, Ollie Osborn, and for all who live and worship in St. Aidan Ernesettle, St. Chad Whitleigh, and St. Francis Honicknowle.

27. On the first day of Advent, we pray that you would fill our hearts with thanksgiving, because you sent your Son into the world to redeem it, and now we await the day when Jesus will come again, help us to pray earnestly for your return.

28. For the Paignton Mission Community, its priest Neil Knox, Church Army Captain Jeffrey Hill, and for all who live and worship in Paignton.

29. For the Paignton Christ Church Mission Community, its clergy John Pout, Ruth Beckett, and for all who live and worship in Paignton St. Paul Preston, Paignton Christ Church.

30. On St. Andrews Day, we remember Andrew the Apostle who left his life behind to follow Jesus, and even died for his sake. Lord, give us strength to pick up our cross and follow you without hesitation, and teach us to be 'fishers of people' like your disciple Andrew.



NOVEMBER PRAYER DIARY

We pray using the words of Psalm 139:7-8

Lord, thank you that your presence is always with us, wherever we are or whatever situation we are in, you are there. May your hand guide us and hold us fast. How lovely is your presence Lord, help us know that you are near. Amen.

We encourage you to reflect on Psalm 139 throughout this month and use it to guide your prayer time.

Tuesday 1st – Saturday 5th

We pray for those who are being most impacted by the cost-of-living crisis, help us – your church – to come alongside others, sharing our hope and reflecting your generosity by sharing with those in need as much as we are able. Freely we have received, so let us freely give.

1. On All Saints Day we give thanks for the faith of all the saints who now dwell with you, give us grace that we might follow in their footsteps and serve you with our lives. Help us to also pray for the saints still on earth: 'As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones in whom is all my delight.' (Psalm 16:3)

2. On All Souls Day we remember all those who have died, particularly those who have recently passed away, grant eternal rest, O Lord. We pray for all those who are grieving, please comfort them Lord, and help us to weep with those who weep and to reflect your love to those who mourn.

3. For the Lyn Valley Mission Community, its priest Samantha Stayte, and for all who live and worship in Trentishoe, Parracombe, Martinhoe, Lynton, Countisbury, and Brendon.

4. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux, we pray for the small Anglican community centred on Caen and their Chaplain Fr. Mark Osborne. We also pray for the parishes, their clergy, and people in the area of Villers-Bocage.

5. For the Malborough Mission Community, its clergy Daniel French, Christian Hill, and for all who live and worship in Malborough, Salcombe, and South Huish.

Sunday 6th – Saturday 12th

As COP27 begins, we pray for our world leaders, that you would give them ears to listen to those most affected by climate change, and wisdom on how to take action. We pray you would deepen our gratitude for all your hands have made, and move our hearts to re-care more deeply for your creation and for each other.

6. On Stress Awareness Day we pray for everyone feeling overwhelmed by stress, particularly due to the cost-of-living crisis. We pray for your supernatural peace and remember Jesus' invitation to "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

7. For the Modbury Mission Community, its priest Matt Rowland, and for all who live and worship in Ringmore, Modbury, Kingston, Bigbury and Aveton Gifford.

8. For the Netherexe Parishes Mission Community, its clergy Tim Collins, Julia Hocking, Julia Dallen, LLM Laura Ford, and for all who live and worship in Upton Pyne, Thorverton, Stoke Canon with Huxham, Rewe with Nether Exe, Newton St. Cyres, Cadbury, and Brampford Speke.

9. In our link with the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, we pray for all the staff in the Diocesan Office in Nicosia, we give thanks for their hard work and service, would you sustain each of them and remind them it is all for your kingdom.

10. For the Newton Abbot Mission Community, its clergy Dave Brown, Gareth Regan, Ben Maynard, LLM Keith Butler, and for all who live and worship in Newton Abbot and Ogwell, and Milber.

11. On Remembrance Day, we pray: Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all people and establish harmony among all nations. May we pray for peacemakers and peacekeepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free.

12. For the North Creedy (East) Mission Community, its priest Robert Gordon, and for all who live and worship in Woolfardisworthy East, Washford Pyne, Stockleigh Pomeroy, Puddington, Poughill, Kennerleigh, and Cheriton Fitzpaine with Stockleigh English.

Sunday 13th – Saturday 19th

During the second week of COP27, we pray for Lydia Perris, our Social Justice and Creation Care Officer as she travels to represent the UK at the Conference. We pray for the work she will be doing as part of the Christian Climate Observers Program, Lord would you amplify their voices that they might reflect your message of hope and your heart for justice.

13. On Remembrance Sunday, as our communities gather to remember all those who have lost their lives as a result of war and conflict, we pray that all those grieving today would receive God's comfort.

14. During Anti-Bullying Week, we pray for our young people, that those who have been hurt as well as those who have hurt others would receive your healing, Lord. We pray that you would teach them to love, respect, and forgive one another, doing unto others as they would have done unto them.

15. For the North Kenn Team Mission Community, its priest Martin Wood, and for all who live and worship in Whitestone with Oldridge, Tedburn St. Mary, Holcombe Burnell, and Cheriton Bishop.

16. In our link with the Diocese of Thika, we give thanks for the churches which have been transformed through the 'Umoja' Church and Community Development Process, also for their trainer Benson, and the facilitators who will enable more churches across the diocese to start on this journey to sustainable development.

17. For the North Taw Mission Community, its clergy Caroline Raby, Steve Painting, LLM Ian Huggett, and for all who live and worship in West Down, Marwood, Heanton Punchardon, and Georgeham.

18. For all members of the Bishop's Diocesan Council, we pray that as they meet to plan, pray, and make decisions they would receive wisdom and discernment, help them to follow your guidance.

19. For the Northmoor Mission Community, its clergy Stephen Cook, Leigh Winsbury, Adrian Brook, David Spence LLMs Kerry Friend, Michael Winter OBE, Beverley Johnson, Carol Bache, and for all who live and worship in Sourton, Okehampton, Northlew, Meeth, Lydford, Jacobstowe, Inwardleigh, Hatherleigh, Germansweek, Exbourne, Bridestowe, Bratton Clovelly, and Belstone.

Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

PSALM 139:7-8