****June Prayer Diary**

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.

Ephesians 3:20

**Monthly Prayer**

Lord, we thank you that you are able to do immeasurably more than we could ever ask or imagine. Help us to be expectant for all you have planned for our lives, and be comforted by knowing you are at work within us. Amen.

**Sunday 1st – Saturday 7th**

During Volunteers Week, we thank God for all the volunteers in our churches across Devon. We thank you for the time, generosity and talents they share with others to bless them. We pray that we would all be inspired to serve others: “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” (1 Peter 4:10)

1. On the Global Day of Parents, we pray for parents and parental figures in our families and communities. We particularly pray for new parents, that you would sustain them in the highs and lows, may they reflect your love: ‘See what great love the Father has lavished upon us, that we should be called children of God!’ (1 John 3:1)
2. For the churches of the Paignton Mission Community, their clergy Neil Knox, Laura McAdam, and for all who live and worship in Paignton. For pupils, teachers and staff at St Michael’s Church of England Academy School.
3. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux, we pray for all staff and students at The Normandy Institute of Religious Education as they continue to learn more about you. May they be filled with knowledge and wisdom of who you are.
4. For the churches of the Paignton Christ Church Mission Community, LLM David Harwood, and for all who live and worship in Paignton St Paul Preston and Paignton Christ Church.
5. On St Boniface Day, we remember the patron saint of Devon, who brought the good news to Germany and later gave his life for the gospel.
6. For the churches of the Pinhoe Church with Hope (Pinhope) Mission Community, their priest Wiz Slater, and for all who live and worship in Pinhoe with Poltimore. For pupils, teachers and staff at Pinhoe Church of England Primary School.
7. We pray for the St Boniface Awards Service taking place today. We give thanks for all those who are receiving the award, which honours lay people who have made an outstanding contribution to the life of the Church in Devon. We thank you for their willingness to serve and pray you would continue to bless them in their ministry.

**Sunday 8th – Saturday 14th**

During Carers Week, we give thanks for carers who care and support others, in either paid or voluntary roles. We pray they would know the impact of their love and kindness towards those they care for, and that they would receive a renewal of energy from you, Lord.

1. At Pentecost, we remember the arrival of the Holy Spirit. Thank you, Lord, that you sent us a helper to be with us forever, who dwells with us and in us (John 14:15-17). Holy Spirit, please remind us of this and continue to guide and empower us, help us keep in step with you and bear fruit in our lives.
2. For the churches of the Plymouth Charles Mission Community, their clergy Sophie Chatten, James Harding, Liz Grier, and for all who live and worship in Charles with Saint Matthias and Saint Simon Plymouth.
3. For the churches of the Plymouth Emmanuel Mission Community, their clergy Peter Shaw, Robin Brown, Tony Williams, Darryl Cree, Bev Cree, LLMs Pam Edwards, Timothy Lyddon, and for all who live and worship in St. Paul (Efford), Emmanuel, and Plymouth. For pupils, teachers and staff at Compton Church of England Primary School.
4. On the Feast Day of Barnabas the Apostle, ‘the son of encouragement’, we reflect on his journeys with Paul as they shared the Gospel with the Gentiles, facing many trials. We pray for the same boldness in our own witness, help us to trust in you, Holy Spirit.
5. For the churches of the Plympton Mission Community, their clergy Lizzi Green, Jan Collis, Richard Wakerell, LLM Robert Harrison, and for all who live and worship in Plympton St Maurice, and Plympton St Mary. For pupils and staff at Plympton St Mary’s Church of England Infant School.
6. In our link with Melanesia, we pray that you would guide and protect the Society of St Francis’ mission in Melanesia, to protect your creation from environmental destruction from unregulated and illegal logging and mining. Grant justice and peace in the face of exploitation and heal the land for the benefit of all.
7. For the churches of the Plymstock Mission Community, their clergy Jennie Appleby, Carl Budden, Jo Parker, LLMs Anthony Banbury, Graham Dee, and for all who live and worship in Plymstock and Hooe.

**Sunday 15th – Saturday 21st**

During Children’s Hospice Week, we pray for children in hospice and palliative care across the UK. We give thanks for these services, providing vital support for seriously ill children and young people. We pray for your healing hand Lord, and that these children and their families would know the hope found in you.

1. On Father’s Day, we give thanks for fathers and the father figures in our lives. We pray for those who find this day difficult due to loss, estrangement, or past pain. We give thanks that we can draw near to our Father in Heaven, whose love is steadfast and endures forever.
2. For the churches of the Raleigh Mission Community, their priest Martin Jacques, and for all who live and worship in Otterton, East Budleigh with Bicton, and Budleigh Salterton. For pupils, teachers and staff at Drake’s Church of England Primary School, St Peter’s Church of England Primary School in Budleigh, and Otterton Church of England Primary School.
3. For the churches of the Saint Andrew & Saint Paul Mission Community, their clergy Joe Dent, Tim Partridge, Philip Cairns, LLM David Huntley, and for all who live and worship in Saint Paul Stonehouse, and Saint Andrew Plymouth. For pupils, teachers and staff at St Andrew’s Church of England Primary School and St George’s Church of England Primary Academy.
4. In our link with Cyprus and the Gulf, we pray for the Cathedral of St Paul, Nicosia. We give thanks for this relationship between our Dioceses, and pray we would never cease to give thanks for our church family in Cyprus and the Gulf, and around the world.
5. For the churches of the Saint Bartholomew and Saint Mark Ford Mission Community, their clergy Richard Silk, and for all who live and worship in Devonport Saint Bartholomew and Saint Mark Ford.
6. On World Refugee Day, we pray for all those fleeing from conflict, oppression, and injustice. We lament the lives of refugees that have been lost, and we give thanks for organisations and individuals supporting those without a place to rest their head.
7. For the churches of the Saint Boniface, Saint Budeaux and Saint Philip Mission Community, their priest Michael Doyle, LLMs Elizabeth Dickens, Joanna Bound, Martin Clements, and for all who live and worship in Saint Philip, Weston Mill, Saint Budeaux, Saint Boniface, and Devonport. For pupils, teachers and staff at St Badeaux Church of England Primary Academy.

**Sunday 22nd – Monday 30th**

This week, we pray for new opportunities to share your love and kindness to those around us. Help us to bear your light and shine brightly for you: ‘In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.’ (Matthew 5:16)

1. For Saint David Church, their clergy Mike Clark and Sarah Cumming, LLMs Ian Cartwright, David Blundell, Charlotte Townsend, and Bill Pattinson.  Also, for Saint Michael and All Angels, their priest Nigel Mason and for all who live and worship in Saint Michael and All Angels, Mount Dinham, and Saint David.  For pupils, teachers and staff at St David’s Church of England Primary School.
2. For the churches of the Saint James Mission Community, their priest Henry Pryse, LLM Joan Ridgway, and for all who live and worship in Saint James.
3. As we remember the birth of John the Baptist, who was foretold to “make ready a people prepared for the Lord” (Luke 1:17) we give thanks for John the Baptist’s ministry, which ultimately cost him his life. May we be inspired by his faith.
4. For the churches of the Saint Jude Mission Community, LLMs Peter Hadden, Jackie Yates, Jane Sanham, and for all who live and worship in Saint Jude Plymouth.
5. In our link with Thika, we pray for the Hesabika Trust calling on Christians to stand up and be counted in all sectors of society, we pray you would fill all your people with boldness to be your witnesses.
6. For the churches of the Saint Leonard Mission Community, their clergy Matt Rowland and Chris Keane, and for all who live and worship in Saint Leonard with Holy Trinity. For pupils, teachers and staff at St Leonard’s Church of England Primary School.
7. For all those being ordained as Deacons today at Exeter Cathedral, we give thanks for their commitment to your church. As you send them out Lord, we pray they would be led by the Holy Spirit and fix their eyes on you as they serve the people of Devon with joy.
8. This week, on the Feast Day of Peter and Paul, we remember your apostles, whom you appointed as leaders of your church, who preached that you are Lord and Saviour, and who gave their lives for your gospel. May we be inspired by their devotion and listen carefully to your word spoken through them.
9. For the churches of the Saint Matthias Mission Community, their clergy John Beckett, Paul Barton, Claire Reynolds, and for all who live and worship in Saint Matthias, Saint Mark and Holy Trinity. For pupils, teachers and staff at Warberry Church of England Academy and Ilsham Church of England Academy.

Amen.