****July Prayer Diary**

‘Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.’

Proverbs 3:5-6

**Monthly Prayer**

Lord, we know that you have a plan and a purpose for our life. We pray that you would help us to trust in you with all of our hearts, and lean not on our own understanding. We give thanks that when we submit to you, you will make our paths straight and guide us along the journey.

**Tuesday 1st – Saturday 5th**

This week, as we mark National Bereaved Parents Day (3rd July), we pray for all those who have lost children. Lord, we thank you that you are near to those who are in pain, that you yourself are ‘acquainted with grief’, and that one day you will wipe away every tear. Help us weep with those who weep and point them towards your love.

1. For the churches of the Saint Pancras Mission Community, their clergy Lawrence Braschi, Norma Baker, Capt. Philip Baul, LLMs Mariska Minter, Paul Lumb, and for all who live and worship in Saint Pancras Pennycross. For pupils, teachers and staff at All Saints Church of England Academy.
2. For the churches of the Saint Peter and the Holy Apostles Mission Community, their priest David Way, LLW Ben Otley, and for all who live and worship in Plymouth St Peter and the Holy Apostles. For pupils, teachers and staff at St Peter’s Church of England Primary School.
3. On the Feast Day of Thomas the Apostle, we remember his doubt upon hearing of Jesus’ resurrection. We pray that we would be filled with faith and confidence to proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, believing even when we haven’t seen.
4. For the churches of the Seaton and Beer Coastal Mission Community, their priest Justin Montague, and for all who live and worship in Seaton and Beer. For pupils, teachers and staff at Beer Church of England Primary School.
5. In our link with Thika, we pray for the Namrata Shah Children’s home where children come from desperate situations into a home where they will be loved and cared for. We ask for your provision as they seek to raise vital funds.

**Sunday 6th – Saturday 12th**

During summer we reflect on this season of abundance and give thanks for the abundant gifts God has given us. ‘God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:8)

1. On Thank You Day, which celebrates those who go above and beyond in our communities, we give thanks for volunteers in our churches who generously give their time to serve others. We pray you would sustain them in their ministry.
2. For the churches of the Shaldon Mission Community, LLMs Hugh McCormick, Ruth Bettesworth, and for all who live and worship in Stokeinteignhead, Shaldon, Haccombe, and Combeinteignhead.
3. We pray for the Melanesian Sisters as they serve with love and courage. Strengthen their hands to uplift women and families in Melanesia. Fill their hearts with peace, wisdom, and compassion. May their witness shine as a light of hope in their communities.
4. For the churches of the Sherford Church of England Community Church Mission Community, Clergy Jon Oliver, Tammy Oliver, LLM Andrew Williams, and for all who live and worship in Sherford.
5. For the churches of the Shirwell Mission Community, their clergy Rosie Austin, Katie Welborn van Santen, and for all who live and worship in Shirwell, Loxhore, Kentisbury, East Down with Arlington, Challacombe, and Bratton Fleming with Stoke Rivers.
6. On World Population Day, we give thanks that you know and love each of the 8 billion people on this planet, we pray that all would know their creator. We recognise the great need in the world, empower us to be your witnesses to the ends of the earth.
7. For the churches of the Sid Valley Mission Community, their clergy David Caporn, Laura Selman, Sarah Rock-Evans, Sarah Mounoury, Victoria Chester, LLMs Alan Aspray, John Dunster, Carole Hawkins, Peter Byrd, Carolyn Croft, Peter Scott, and for all who live and worship in Woolbrook, Sidmouth, Sidbury with Sidford, Salcombe Regis, and All Saints Sidmouth. For pupils, teachers and staff at Sidmouth Church of England Primary School, and Sidbury Church of England Primary School.

**Sunday 13th – Saturday 19th**

As Graduations take place this week at universities in Devon, we pray for all graduates, for those staying in Devon, and those moving on, that whatever their results they would know they are loved and valued by you, God. As they step into this next season of life, may they know you are near.

1. For the churches of the Silverton Mission Community, their priest Paul Kingdom, and for all who live and worship in Silverton, Cadeleigh, Butterleigh, and Bickleigh. For pupils, teachers and staff at Bickleigh-on-Exe Church of England Primary School, and Silverton Church of England Primary School.
2. For the churches of the South Dartmoor Mission Community, their priest Paul Hinckley, LLM Julie Hinckley, and for all who live and worship in Sparkwell, Ivybridge, Harford, and Cornwood. For pupils, teachers and staff at Cornwood Church of England Primary School.
3. For the churches of the South Molton Mission Community, their priest Michael Grandey, LLM Deborah Bayliss,and for all who live and worship in Warkleigh with Satterleigh, South Molton with Nymet Saint George, Kingsnympton, Filleigh, Chittlehampton with Umberleigh, and Chittlehamholt. For pupils, teachers and staff at South Molton United Church of England Primary School.
4. In our link with Bayeux-Lisieux, we pray for new priests and their parishes, and for seminarians. We also pray for the parishes, their clergy and people in the area of Douves-la-Delivrande.
5. For the churches of the South Tamar Mission Community, their clergy Phill Parker, Gill George, and for all who live and worship in Milton Abbot with Dunterton, Marystowe, Lamerton with Sydenham Damerel, and Coryton.
6. For the churches of the St Thomas Mission Community, their clergy David Nixon, Mike Clark, Sarah Cumming, and for all who live and worship in Saint Thomas Exeter.
7. For the churches of the Start Bay Mission Community, their priest Mark Neave, LLMs Andy McMullin, Ken Ball, and for all who live and worship in South Pool, Slapton, East Portlemouth, Chivelstone, Charleton, and Buckland-Tout-Saints. For pupils, teachers and staff at Charleton Church of England Academy.

**Sunday 20th – Saturday 26th**

As schools break up for the Summer Holidays, we pray for rest for students and teachers. May time spent with family, friends, and with you God, bring restoration. We give thanks for churches running summer groups, camps and activities, and pray that you would help them to share the love of Christ with young people.

1. For the churches of the Stokenham Mission Community, LLM Sarah Pain, and for all who live and worship in Stokenham with Sherford and Beesands.
2. For the churches of the Tamerton Foliot and Southway Mission Community, their Priest Gerda van Ommeren, LLM Carrie Tucker, and for all who live and worship in Tamerton Foliot, and Southway. For pupils, teachers and staff at Mary Dean’s Chruch of England Primary School and Nursery.
3. On the Feast Day of Mary Magdalene, we remember her devotion to Jesus, remaining by the cross during his crucifixion, and being the first to see him after his resurrection. May we all live lives devoted to you, giving thanks for all you’ve done for us.
4. In our link with Cyprus and the Gulf, we pray for all clergy and lay ministers in the Gulf Archdeaconry, may you fill them with joy as they serve your church, and help them to run the race with endurance, knowing you are with them.
5. For the churches of the Tavy Mission Community, their clergy Matt Godfrey, Hazel Butland, Judith Blowey, LLMs Sally Pancheri, Christopher Pancheri, Anne Palfrey, Liz Bastin, Bob Owens, Wendy Roderick Hake, Amanda Harris, Patti Owens, and for all who live and worship in Whitchurch, Tavistock, Peter Tavy, Mary Tavy, Gulworthy, and Brent Tor. For pupils, teachers and staff at St Rumon’s Church of England Infants School (VA), and St Peter’s Church of England Junior School Tavistock (VA).
6. On the Feast Day of James the Apostle, one of the first disciples called by Jesus, and the first Apostle to be martyred, we remember his life and death. May we follow you with the same faith and count the cost of being your disciples.
7. For the churches of the Teign Valley and Haldon Hill Mission Community, their clergy Ruth Frampton, Elizabeth Burren, and for all who live and worship in Dunsford, Dunchideock, Doddiscombsleigh, Christow, Bridford, and Ashton.

**Sunday 27th – Thursday 31st**

We’re praying for Christian summer festivals that will begin over the next few weeks, particularly for those attending who don’t yet know Jesus. We give thanks for the volunteers at these events and for all who support the festivals and camps. We pray each person who attends would be moved by the Holy Spirit, as they celebrate the good news of the God who loves us.

1. For the churches of the Three Rivers Mission Community, their priest David Sayle, LLM David Stafford, and for all who live and worship in Ugborough, Saint Peter Harbertonford, Moreleigh, Halwell, Ermington, and Diptford with North Huish. For pupils, teachers and staff at Diptford Church of England Primary School, and Harbertonford Church of England Primary School.
2. For the churches of the Three Wells Mission Community, their priest Michael Wilkie, LLMs Ian Firth, John Dunn, and for all who live and worship in Kingskerswell with Coffinswell, and Abbotskerswell. For pupils, teachers and staff at Kingskerswell Church of England Primary School.
3. For the churches of the Tiverton Mission Community, their clergy Andy Humm, Christian Hill, Charles Wheeler, Miriam Brandon-Wheeler, LLMs David Catchpole, Tim Bradshaw, Jude Taylor, and for all who live and worship in Tiverton, Saint George and Saint Paul, Tiverton St Andrew, Saint Peter Tiverton, and Chevithorne with Cove.
4. On the World Day against Trafficking in Persons, we pray for justice and freedom for all those who are exploited and abused and who currently live in slavery, may they know the freedom found in you. Give us eyes to see exploitation around us.
5. For the churches of the Topsham Mission Community, their clergy Louise Grace, Margaret Stirling-Troy, and for all who live and worship in Wear, and Topsham.

Amen.