



FEBRUARY PRAYER DIARY

Sunday 1st – Saturday 7th

At the beginning of a new month, we pray that you would help us to be salt and light in our communities. Help us to share your love and the Good News with those who we meet this week.

1. For the churches of the Bradninch Mission Community, their clergy Olly Mears, Hazel Britton, and for all who live and worship in Bradninch.

2. On the Feast of Candlemas, when we remember the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, we recall the prophecies spoken about him – that he would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel." (Luke 2:32) We give thanks to God for the gift of his Son Jesus, who is our salvation.

3. For the churches of the Braunton Mission Community, their clergy David Baker, LLM David Rushworth, and for all who live and worship in Braunton.

4. On World Cancer Day we pray for all those living with cancer, their family and friends, and for all those who have lost loved ones to cancer. When all seems hopeless, may they find hope in you, Jesus. We give thanks for organisations researching new ways to prevent and treat cancer.

5. On Time to Talk Day, we pray for those who struggle to talk about their mental health. Help us to share and listen well, love and encourage one another, and build one another up. Lord we pray that when we struggle with our mental health,

you would fill us with your peace.

6. For the churches of the Brixham Mission Community, their clergy Philippa Bellows, Angela Sumner, LLMs Margaret Pickthorne, Hilary Hyde, Wendy Emlyn, Elaine Vestey, Martyn Hodge, and for all who live and worship in Lower Brixham, All Saints, Kingswear, Churston Ferrers, and Brixham St Mary. For pupils, teachers and staff at Galmpton CofE Primary and Brixham CofE Primary.

7. In our link with Bayeux-Lisieux, we pray for chaplaincies at schools and universities. We also pray for parishes, their clergy and people in the area of Bretteville-sur-Laize.

Sunday 8th – Saturday 14th

During Children's Mental Health Week, we pray for children who feel anxious, lonely, or lost. May they know the love of Christ and may it conquer any loneliness, fear or anxiety. Help us to support them and share your love with them.

8. For the churches of the Buckland Monachorum Mission Community, their clergy Andy Bowden, Andrew Farmer, LLMs Philip Tuckett, Paul Nixon, and for all who live and worship in Buckland Monachorum. For pupils, teachers and staff at St Andrew's CofE.

9. For the churches of the Central Exeter Mission Community, their clergy Sheila Swarbrick, and for all who live and worship in Central Exeter.

10. 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

11. For the churches of the Chudleigh Mission Community, their clergy Alex Sharp, LLMs Sheila Fletcher, Yasmin Mann, and for all who live and worship in Trusham, Chudleigh Knighton, Chudleigh. For pupils, teachers and staff at Chudleigh CofE and Chudleigh Knighton CofE.

12. During National Marriage Week, we give thanks for the gift of marriage. We pray that you would help couples to grow together and flourish in their marriage. For those struggling in their marriage, we ask that you would give them strength, and help us to support them.

13. For the churches of the Co Church Exeter Mission Community, their clergy Ed Hodges, Josh Chesworth, Deptula, LLM Melanie Cleveland, and for all who live and worship in Saint Matthew with Saint Sidwell Exeter, and Exwick. For pupils, teachers and staff at St Sidwell's CofE School.

14. On St Valentine's Day, we remember St Valentine who was martyred for helping persecuted Christians and marrying Christian couples. We give thanks to the one who is love, who 'sent His only Son into the world that we might live through him...if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. (John 4:8-11)



We love because he
first loved us.

Sunday 15th – Saturday 21st

As half-term begins, we pray for rest and restoration for both staff and students in schools. We pray for your blessing on half-term activities that are taking place in churches across Devon.

15. In our link with the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, we give thanks for the work of the church across 8 countries in the Middle East. We pray the Holy Spirit would continue to work in and through them.

16. On Random Acts of Kindness Day, we pray that you would give us opportunities to share your love and kindness with those around us today. Open our eyes to the needs of others and help us to act in love.

17. For the churches of the Coast & Combe Mission Community, their clergy Mark Ruoff, John Roles, Susan Oldham, Ann Lewis, Tandy Ruoff, LLMs Sally-Ann Molligoda, Theresa Powell, Jenni Coats, Dave Richards, and for all who live and worship in Saint Sabinus, Woolacombe, Saint Matthew, Lee, Morteohoe, Ilfracombe St Philip and St James, Combe Martin, Bittadon, Berrynarbor. For pupils, teachers and staff at Ilfracombe CofE Junior School and Ilfracombe Academy.

18. For the churches of the Coast and Country Mission Community, their clergy Matthew Gorton, LLMs Jeff Hacon, Frank Robinson, Peter

Barker, and for all who live and worship in Strete, Stoke Fleming, East Allington, and Blackawton.

19. On the World Day of Social Justice, we pray for wisdom and revelation in the hearts of world leaders, that they would have compassion for the oppressed and vulnerable. Give us perseverance to seek justice, 'for the Lord is a God of justice' (Isaiah 30:18).

20. For the churches of the CREDITON Mission Community, their clergy Matthew Tregenza, Putnam, LLMs Carol Price, Jack Shelley, Ian Stobart, Antonia Tregenza, and for all who live and worship in Shobrooke, Sandford with Upton Hellions, and CREDITON.

21. For the churches of the CULLOMPTON Mission Community, their clergy Edward Hobbs, and for all who live and worship in CULLOMPTON.



1 JOHN 4:19

Sunday 22nd – Friday 28th

This week, we're praying for Children and Families workers across Devon, we give thanks for their service as they bless our communities. We pray that you would sustain them and renew their joy in this ministry as they support, counsel, and share Christ's love with children and families.

22. For the churches of the Culm Valley Mission Community, their clergy Ben Maynard, Fry, LLM Chris Russell, and for all who live and worship in Willand, Uffculme, and Kentisbeare. For pupils, teachers and staff at Kentisbeare CofE School.

23. For the churches of the Dart and Avon Mission Community, their clergy Gina Radford, Alexandra Holmes, LLM David Harwood, and for all who live and worship in Staverton with Landscope, South Brent, Rattery, Littlehempston, Dean Prior, and Buckfastleigh. For pupils, teachers and staff at Landscope CofE School.

24. For the churches of the Dartmouth & Dittisham Mission Community, their clergy Andrew Langley, LLM David Woods, and for all who live and worship in Dittisham, and Dartmouth Saint Clement (Townstal).

25. For the churches of the Dawlish Coast Mission Community, their clergy Cronin, LLMs Will Halse, Steve Cronin, and for all who live and worship in Starcross, Dawlish with Holcombe, and Cofton.

26. We give thanks for the gift of the Anglican

Communion and for our overseas links, including our historic link with Melanesia. In a world marked by conflict, nationalism, and individualism, help us to look outward in love and unity, celebrating the richness of our global family in Christ.

27. For the churches of the Devonport Mission Community, their clergy Tim Buckley, LLM John Wright, and for all who live and worship in Devonport St Aubyn, Devonport Saint Michael and Saint Barnabas.

28. We give thanks for the Mission Shed Digital Ministry event held in Plymouth today for churches across Devon to explore how to creatively and authentically share the Good News and build community in today's digital landscape. We give thanks that you are a creative God who delights in creativity, and we pray that you would help us to consider new ways to share your love digitally.

Reflecting on the words of 1 John 4:19, we pray:

Lord, we thank you that you loved us first with an unconditional love, that does not falter depending on who we are or what we do. Because of your great love which has lavished on us, we can pour it out to others around us. Help us to love others well and share the Good News with those around us.

Amen.