

Sunday 22nd – Tuesday 31st

As Spring begins, we reflect on new life: 'if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come' (2 Corinthians 5:17). We give thanks that you have saved us and given us new life, help us to know this more deeply, and live our lives according to this truth.

22. On World Water Day, we pray for the billions of people without access to safe water due to the water and sanitation crisis. In our desire to love our global neighbours, convict and compel us to rethink how we use water, and how we can support those in need.

23. We pray that you would watch over all missionaries in Melanesia as they carry the Good News across oceans, through rainforests, over streams, and up mountains. Protect and strengthen them in every place they serve, and may their courage and devotion inspire us to be missionaries of your love here in Devon.

24. For the churches of the Hartland Coast Mission Community, their clergy Jane Skinner, Jane Hayes, LLMs Andrew Macwilliam, Vera Tooke, and for all who live and worship in Woolfardisworthy West, Welcombe, Parkham, Lundy, Hartland, Clovelly, Bucks Mills, Buckland Brewer, and Alwington.

25. For the churches of the Heavitree Mission Community, their clergy Benjamin Rabjohns, Andrew Johnson, Alex Honey, and for all who live and worship in Saint Mary Steps, and Heavitree with St Paul Exeter. For pupils, teachers and staff at St Michael's CofE School, St Luke's CofE School and St Peter's CofE Secondary School.

26. On the Feast of Annunciation, when the angel told Mary she would give birth to Jesus, we remember her willingness to trust God. We pray Mary's faith would inspire us to say: 'I am the Lord's servant.' May your will be done in our lives.

27. For the churches of the Holsworthy Mission Community, their clergy Mark James, Alison Hardy, Paul Fitzpatrick, LLM Mary Aicheler, and for all who live and worship in Halwill, Ashwater, Beaworthy, Black Torrington with Highampton, Bradford with Cookbury, Bradworthy, Bridgerule, Abbots Bickington, Clawton, Thornbury, Hollacombe, Holsworthy, Milton Damerel, Putford, Pyworthy with Pancrasweek, Sutcombe, Tetcott with Luffincott, and Bulkworthy. For pupils, teachers and staff at Holsworthy CofE School.

28. 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.

29. For the churches of the Holyford Mission Community, their clergy Steve Martin, Marc Kaster-Walmsley, LLM Charles Hill, and for all who live and worship in Southleigh, Northleigh, Musbury, Colyton with Colyford, and Branscombe. For pupils, teachers and staff at Branscombe CofE School.

30. We pray for those who are in residential homes. We commit into your loving hands the residents and ask that you bring them strength, peace, and comfort. We give thanks for those around them, including their carers, family and loved ones.

31. For the churches of the Honiton Mission Community, their clergy Tracey Voysey, Scott Angell, LLM Julia Barrett, and for all who live and worship in Honiton with Monkton, Gittisham, Cotleigh, Combe Raleigh, Buckerell, and Awliscombe. For pupils, teachers and staff at Awliscombe CofE School.

Amen.



MARCH PRAYER DIARY

Saturday 1st – Sunday 7th

At the beginning of No More Week, which raises awareness to end domestic abuse and sexual violence, we pray for healing for all those who have been victims of abuse. As your church, may we demonstrate your love and care to victims, and point them to you.

1. For the churches of the Dukeswell Mission Community, their clergy Nigel Candelent, Jane Penn, LLM Sara Bevan, and for all who live and worship in Upottery, Sheldon, Plymtree, Luppitt, Dukeswell, Broadhembury. For pupils, teachers and staff at Plymtree CofE School and Broadhembury CofE School.

2. For the churches of the East Clyst Churches Mission Community, their clergy Jon Holder, Gudrun Thomas, Rich Brooks, Marc Kerslake, Lydia Holder, LLMs Jude Carter, Ian Spicer, Mary Franklin, and for all who live and worship in Whimple, Talaton, Sowton, Rockbeare, Clyst St Lawrence, Clyst Hydon, Clyst Honiton, and Broadclyst. For pupils, teachers and staff at St Martin's CofE School and Rockbeare CofE School.

3. On World Wildlife Day, we remember that you gave us the Earth to cherish and steward, convict us to do what we can to protect all you have created. 'The earth is the Lord's and everything in it.' (Psalm 24:1)

4. For the churches of the East Exeter Mission Community, their clergy Tanya Hockley-Still, Carl Robinson, Julie Wheeler, Dan O'Hara, LLMs Tina Smith, David Smith, and for all who live and worship in Whipton Saint Boniface, and Saint Mark Exeter.

5. For the churches of the Edgemoor Mission Community, their clergy Dominic Coad, 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 Bishopsnympton.

6. For the churches of the Elburton Mission Community, their clergy James Croucher, LLM Linda Dodwell, and for all who live and worship in Elburton.

7. For the churches of the Exe Valley Mission Community, their clergy Steph Gordon-Jeffs, and for all who live and worship in Withleigh, Washfield, Templeton, Stoodleigh, Rackenford, Oakford, Loxbeare, Cruwys Morchard, and Calverleigh. For pupils, teachers and staff at Rackenford CofE School.



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Sunday 8th – Saturday 14th

During Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, we pray for all those living with ovarian cancer and their families and friends. We pray that in their pain they would know the love you have for them. We give thanks for organisations working to discover new ways to prevent and treat ovarian cancer.

8. On International Women's Day, we give thanks for the women who bless our lives and communities. We pray for women around the world suffering because of prejudice, abuse, and hate. Where there is despair, we pray for hope. Help us build a world that celebrates and empowers women.

9. For the Exeter Network Church Mission Community, their clergy Sam Randall, and for all who live and worship in Exeter.

10. For the churches of the Five Alive East Devon Mission Community, their clergy Julie Lomas, John Lees, LLMs Chris Shepherd, Gill Heighway, Anna Crabbe, and for all who live and worship in Yarcombe, Stockland, Shute, Kilmington, and Dalwood. For pupils, teachers and staff at Stockland CofE School.

11. On Young Carers Day, we give thanks for young people who are providing care for family members. In the moments when they feel weary, isolated or face struggles, we pray you would give them strength and fill them with peace. We pray that you would surround them with people who can support them.

12. For the churches of the Five Red Churches Mission Community, their clergy Vanessa Pestrige, LLM John Trickett, and for all who live and worship in Powderham, Kenton with Mamhead, Kenn, and Exminster. For pupils, teachers and staff at Kenn CofE School.

13. For the churches of the Forder Valley Mission Community, their clergy Tatty Wilson, Ann Hosking, and for all who live and worship in Eggbuckland with Estover. For pupils, teachers and staff at St Edward's CofE School.

14. 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 15th – Saturday 21st

During this season of Lent, would you continue to strengthen us in our prayer, and worship, that our desire would be to glorify you. Help us draw close to you in our need, remembering your words in the wilderness: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' (Matt 4:4, Deut 8:3)

15. On Mothering Sunday, we give thanks for our mothers and their love for us. We pray for those who find Mothering Sunday difficult due to loss, estrangement, or inability to have children. Thank you God, that you comfort us 'as a mother comforts her child'. (Isaiah 66:13)

16. For the Four Ways Mission Community, their clergy Cathy Scoffield, LLM Anne Foster, and for all who live and worship in West Buckland, Swimbridge, Landkey, and East Buckland. For pupils, teachers and staff at Swimbridge CofE School.

17. In our link with 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, and pray you would sustain each of them.

18. For the churches of the Goodrington Mission Community, their clergy Gary Deighton, and for all who live and worship in Goodrington, and Collaton St Mary. For pupils, teachers and staff at Collaton St Mary CofE School.

19. On the Feast Day of Joseph of Nazareth, we pray we may follow his example of obedience and faithfulness, remembering that he did all the angel of the Lord instructed him to do, marrying Mary and naming her child Jesus 'because he will save his people from their sins'. (Matthew 1:18-24)

20. For the churches of the Haldon Mission Community, their clergy Carol Green, David Wilkie, Julia Hocking, LLMs Ruth Sewell, Peter Wood, Lesley Heffer, and for all who live and worship in West Teignmouth, Shaldon, Ideford with Luton, East Teignmouth, Bishopsteignton, and Ashcombe.

21. On the International Day of the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, we pray that all human beings would be treated with dignity in the knowledge that all people have value, made in the image of God, according to his likeness (Genesis 1:26). May your church be an example of unity and love.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

HEBREWS 12:1

