



APRIL PRAYER DIARY

Reflecting on the words of Romans 5:9, we pray:

Lord, as we journey into Easter, we remember that you demonstrated the greatest unconditional love to us by sending your son to be crucified. We give thanks for the incredible sacrifice that you made, and that you broke the chains of our sin and shame so that we can live in freedom. Help us to live in a way that glorifies you and help us to share your love with those we meet.

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

Wednesday 1st – Saturday 4th

During Holy Week, we remember your journey to the cross. That you suffered many things, were rejected, betrayed and killed to save us. May we be filled with awe and thanksgiving at what you endured for us and filled with hope that you rose from the dead and conquered the grave.

1. For the churches in the Hukeley Mission Community, LLM Nick Francombe, and for all who live and worship in Petton, Morebath, Huntsham, Clayhanger, and Bampton. For pupils, teachers and staff at Bampton CofE School.

2. On Maundy Thursday, we remember Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, saying "unless I wash you, you have no part with me." Lord, thank you that you have washed us and made us clean. Help us to follow your example of humbly serving and your instruction to 'wash one another's feet'. (John 13:1-7)

3. On Good Friday, we remember Jesus' crucifixion. In your innocence, you died for the guilty. "God shows his love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

4. On Easter Saturday, we reflect on the significance of the cross. On a day that was silent with the unknown of what would happen next, we reflect on all that Jesus endured on the cross to pay the price for our sins, and we hold fast to the hope of his resurrection.

Sunday 5th – Saturday 11th

During the Easter school holidays, we pray that teachers, staff and pupils would find rest. We pray and give thanks for churches planning holiday clubs and activities. Would you give them energy as they serve children and families in our communities.

5. On Easter Sunday, we celebrate that Jesus has risen and he has conquered the grave! Remind us that the same power that raised Christ from the dead is at work in us. We have been raised with Christ, help us to set our hearts on things above (Colossians 3:1).

6. For the churches of the Kingsbridge Estuary Churches Mission Community Mission Community, their clergy Jax Tilbury LLM Amanda Sarjeant, and for all who live and worship in West Alvington, Kingsbridge, and Dodbrooke. For pupils, teachers and staff at West Alvington CofE School.

7. For the churches of the Kingsteignton Mission Community, their clergy Sandra Gill, and for all who live and worship in Kingsteignton with Teigngrace. For pupils, teachers and staff at St Michael's CofE School.

8. For the churches of the Little Dart Team Mission Community, their clergy Adrian Wells, Christine Chandler, John Rhodes, LLM Elaine Cook, and for all who live and worship in Witheridge with Creacombe and Romansleigh, West Worlington, Wembworthy with Eggesford, Thelbridge, Meshaw, East Worlington, Chulmeligh, Cheldon, Chawleigh, and Burrington. For pupils, teachers and staff at Witheridge CofE School.

9. 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.

10. For the churches of the Littleham Cum Exmouth with Lympstone Mission Community, their clergy Steve Jones, Benedict Cambridge, Shaun Tipton, Heidi Budden, LLMs Diana West, Demelza Henderson, and for all who live and worship in Lympstone, Littleham Cum Exmouth. For pupils, teachers and staff at Littleham CofE School.

11. On World's Parkinson's Day we pray for those with Parkinson's Disease, and their family and friends. We pray that in their pain and the challenges they face, that they would know you are with them and you love them dearly. We give thanks for organisations working to find a cure, and those supporting and caring for people with Parkinsons.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners,

Christ died for us.

Sunday 12th – Saturday 18th

During Stress Awareness Month, we pray for everyone who is feeling overwhelmed and burdened by stress. We ask that you fill them with your peace. We thank you for Jesus' invitation to "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28-30)

12. We give thanks for George Augustus Selwyn, first Bishop of New Zealand, for his tireless mission across Aotearoa and Melanesia. We give thanks for the Melanesian Mission he established which continues to deepen bonds of faith and friendship between the Church in Devon and the people of Melanesia.

13. For the churches of the Lyn Valley Mission Community, their clergy Miles Welborn, and for all who live and worship in Trentishoe, Parracombe, Martinhoe, Lynton, Countisbury, and Brendon. For pupils, teachers and staff at Lynton CofE School.

14. For the churches of the Malborough Mission Community, LLM Debbie Plummer, and for all who live and worship in Malborough, Salcombe and South Huish. For pupils, teachers and staff at Malborough CofE School and Salcombe CofE School.

15. For the churches of the Modbury Mission Community, their clergy Oli Long, readers Gilbert Snook, Joyce Howitt, and for all who live and worship in Ringmore, Modbury, Kingston, Bigbury, and Aveton Gifford. For pupils, teachers and staff at Averton Gifford CofE School.

16. For the churches of the Netherexe Parishes Mission Community, their clergy Tim Collins, Julia Dallen, Leighton Plom, LLMs Laura Ford, Simon Friend, 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. For pupils, teachers and staff at Thorverton CofE School, Brampford Speke CofE School, Stoke Canon CofE School.

17. For the churches of the Newton Abbot Mission Community, their clergy Dave Brown, Gareth Regan, Jonathan Bealey, LLMs Graham Whittle, Keith Butler, and for all who live and worship in Newton Abbot and Ogwell, and Milber. For pupils, teachers and staff at All Saints CofE School and Wolborough CofE School.

18. For the churches of the North Creedy (East) Mission Community, their clergy Janet May, LLM Laura Armstrong, and for all who live and worship in Woolfardisworthy East, Washford Pyne, Stockleigh Pomeroy, Puddington, Poughill, Kennerleigh, and Cheriton Fitzpaine with Stockleigh English.



ROMANS 5:8

Sunday 19th – Saturday 25th

During Bowel Cancer Awareness Month, we pray for all those living with bowel 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 bowel cancer.

19. In our link with Thika, we pray for Ven. Solomon Thiga, and for the clergy, parishes, and all who live and worship in the Gatundu Archdeaconry.

20. For the churches of the North Kenn Team Mission Community, their clergy Martin Wood, and for all who live and worship in Whitestone with Oldridge, Tedburn St Mary, Holcombe Burnell, and Cheriton Bishop.

21. On World Creativity and Innovation Day, we give thanks that you are a creative God who shows wondrous creativity in all you have made. We celebrate the beauty of creativity and innovation found in each and every one of us, in different ways. Help us to use our creativity and new ideas to serve your church and share the Good News with the world.

22. On World Earth Day, we thank you for the earth that you created. We pray that you would help us to care for the world, as you have asked us to (Genesis 2:15). Help us to act with courage for a sustainable future and to protect all life. May your name be glorified throughout the earth.

23. On St George's Day, we remember the life and death of St George, who was killed for refusing to deny his faith in Christ. May we be convicted by his resolve, and may his faith remind us of the cost of following you, Lord.

24. For the churches of the North Tamar Mission Community, their clergy Philip Conway, LLM Richard Searight, and for all who live and worship in Thrushelton, Stowford, Lifton, Lew Trenchard, Kelly with Bradstone, and Broadwoodwidge. For pupils, teachers and staff at Lew Trenchard CofE School, Lamerton CofE School.

25. On the Feast day of Mark the Evangelist, we give thanks for his Gospel, which proclaims that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, whose death paid the price for our sins. We pray that as we dwell on your word, we would know these truths more deeply.



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Sunday 26th – Thursday 30th

As we near the end of the month, we pray for fresh opportunities to share your love with those around us throughout the next month. We remember the words from Mark 16:15, "He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

26. For the churches of the North Taw Mission Community, their clergy Tim Solosy, Glyn Lewry, Caroline Raby, LLM Mandy Lewry, Ian Huggett, and for all who live and worship in West Down, Marwood, Heanton Punchardon, and Georgeham. For pupils, teachers and staff at Georgeham CofE School.

27. For the churches of the Northmoor Mission Community, their clergy Adrian Brook, Leigh Winsbury, Claire Reynolds, Jonathan Cook, LLMs Michael Winter, Maurie Webber, Lawrie Townson, and for all who live and worship in Sourton, Okehampton, Northlew, Meeth, Lydford, Jacobstowe, Inwardleigh, Hatherleigh, Germansweek, Exbourne, Bridestowe, Bratton Clovelly, and Belstone. For pupils, teachers and staff at Northlew and Ashbury CofE School, St James CofE School, and Exbourne CofE School.

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

29. For the churches of the Offwell Mission Community, their clergy Stuart Huntley, and for all who live and worship in Widworthy, Offwell, and Farway. For pupils, teachers and staff at Offwell CofE School and Farwar CofE School.

30. For the churches of the Otter Vale Mission Community, their clergy Lydia Cook, Mark Ward, David Carrington, Carys Baker, LLMs Caroline Poultney, David Williamson, and for all who live and worship in West Hill, Saint Michael, Tipton St John with Venn Ottery, Payhembury, Ottery St Mary, Newton Poppleford, Harpford, Feniton with Escot, Colaton Raleigh, and Alington. For pupils, teachers and staff at Tipton St John CofE School, Feniton CofE School and Payhembury CofE School.

Amen.