

Sunday 24th – Monday 31st

During Stroke Awareness Month, we pray for all those who have suffered from strokes and for those who have lost loved ones to strokes. We pray that you would bring them peace. We give thanks for organisations seeking to raise awareness, as well as improve treatment and support people who have experienced strokes.

24. 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.

25. For the churches of the Saint James Mission Community, their clergy Henry Pryse, LLM Joan Ridgway, and for all who live and worship in Saint James.

26. For the churches of the Saint Jude Mission Community, LLMs Jackie Yates, Jane Sanham, Peter Hadden, and for all who live and worship in Saint Jude Plymouth.

27. For the churches of the Saint Leonard Mission Community, their clergy Matt Rowland, Chris Keane, and for all who live and worship in Saint Leonard with Holy Trinity. For pupils, teachers and staff at St Leonard's CofE School.

28. In our link with Bayeux-Lisieux, we pray for all those considering vocations in the Diocese, please give them wisdom and discernment. We also pray for the parishes, their clergy and people in the area of Vire.

29. For the churches of the Saint Matthias Mission Community, their clergy Paul Barton, and for all who live and worship in Saint Matthias, and Saint Mark and Holy Trinity. For pupils, teachers and staff at Warberry CofE Academy and Ilsham CofE Academy.

30. On World MS Day, we pray for those who are living with MS and for those who care for them. We give thanks for organisations working to discover new ways to treat and support those living with MS. May each person affected by this condition know your love and peace.

31. For the churches of the Saint Pancras Mission Community, their clergy Lawrence Braschi, Norma Baker, Phillip Baul CA, LLM Paul Lumb, and for all who live and worship in Saint Pancras Pennycross. For pupils, teachers and staff at All Saints CofE School.

Amen.



MAY PRAYER DIARY

Friday 1st – Saturday 9th

During Deaf Awareness Week, we pray for those who are deaf. If they feel alone or isolated, we pray that you would bring them comfort and peace. We give thanks for members of Deaf Churches across Devon, and for those who lead and minister to them and for their flourishing together.

1. For the churches of the Our Lady and All the Saints North Torquay Mission Community, their clergy Nick Debney, Kenny Wickens, and for all who live and worship in Saint Marychurch, Torquay, Saint Martin, Barton, Torquay, All Saints, Babbacombe, and Torquay. For pupils, teachers and staff at All Saints CofE School Babbacombe, St Marychurch CofE School, and St Cuthbert Mayne school.

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 CofE Academy.

3. On the Feast Day of Philip and James the Apostles, whom you chose as your disciples, we remember their faith, their willingness to follow, and their courageous witness of your truth. We pray that you would give us boldness in our own witness, and help us to trust in you, Jesus.

4. During Maternal Mental Health Awareness Week, we pray for women who experiencing mental health problems during pregnancy or postnatally. We give thanks for the gift of motherhood and pray that you would help each of us to care, support and encourage mothers struggling with their mental health.

5. In our link with Cyprus and the Gulf, we pray for all those in training for ordained and lay ministry, may you give them strength and wisdom as they follow your call on their lives, we give thanks for all those who disciple and lead others into roles serving your church.

6. 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.

7. For the churches of the Pinhoe Church with Hope (Pinhope) Mission Community, their clergy Wiz Slater and for those supporting her at this time, and for all who live and worship in Pinhoe with Poltimore. For pupils, teachers and staff at Pinhoe CofE School.

8. On VE Day, we remember those who fought and lost their lives. We give thanks for their courage and for the freedom their sacrifices brought us, may it inspire us to be people of peace. In a world that still faces division and suffering, we pray for hope and unity.

9. On World Fair Trade Day, we give thanks for organisations and activists committed to building healthy and sustainable communities around the world. We pray for those currently living and working in unfair systems and particularly those whose livelihoods are most impacted by climate change.



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Sunday 10th – Saturday 16th

During Mental Health Awareness Week, we pray for all those struggling with their mental health. We ask that you bring them peace and help them to know that you a very present help in times of trouble. Help us to support, encourage and pray for one another when we are in difficult times.

10. On Rogation Sunday, we give thanks for the land that you made fruitful. We pray for the farmers and agricultural workers in Devon. May you bless the land and those who work it. Help us to be conscious of how to be sustainable and generous with the resources you have given us.

11. For the churches of the Plymouth Charles Mission Community, their clergy Sophie Chatten, Mike Knight, James Harding, Liz Grier, and for all who live and worship in Charles with Saint Matthias and Saint Simon Plymouth.

12. For the churches of the Plymouth Emmanuel Mission Community, their clergy Peter Shaw, Robin Brown, Tony Williams, Bev Cree, Darryl Cree, LLMs Timothy Lyddon, Pam Edwards, Philippa Brown, and for all who live and worship in St. Paul (Efford), Emmanuel, and Plymouth.

13. For the churches of the Plympton Mission Community, their clergy Lizzi Green, Jan Collis, LLM Robert Harrison, and for all who live and worship in Plympton St Maurice, and Plympton St Mary. For pupils, teachers and staff at Plympton St Mary's CofE School.

14. On the Feast of the Ascension, we remember that before going to be with the Father in Heaven, Jesus appointed his followers to continue his work on earth, empowered by the Holy Spirit. Give us the boldness to be your witnesses to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

15. We give thanks for the Religious Orders and the Mothers' Union in Melanesia, whose faith and dedication uphold families with compassion, prayer, and practical support. Strengthen all families with stability and love, that children may grow and thrive—free from child marriage, protected from violence, and blessed with the opportunity to learn, flourish, and live in hope.

16. For the churches of the Plymstock Mission Community, their clergy Carl Budden, LLMs Anthony Banbury, Graham Dee, and for all who live and worship in Plymstock and Hooe.

Sunday 17th – Saturday 23rd

During Thy Kingdom Come (14-24 May), we reflect on the theme of 'God with us'. We give thanks that you are with us in every moment of everyday, in the highs and the lows. We pray for people in our lives who may not know you yet, and we ask that they would get a fresh sense of your presence and your peace. Help us to share the Good News of Jesus with them.

17. For the churches of the Raleigh Mission Community and for those supporting the church during its vacancy, and for all who live and worship in Otterton, East Budleigh with Bicton, and Budleigh Salterton. For pupils, teachers and staff at Drake's CofE School, St Peter's CofE School Budleigh, and Otterton CofE School.

18. 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 CofE School and St George's CofE School.

19. In our link with the Diocese of Thika, we pray for Pray for the four area Archdeacons and the clergy in each Archdeaconry who head up ministry with Children, Mothers' Union, Youth, Men's groups, Mission, and Prayer Ministry.

20. For the churches of the Saint Bartholomew and Saint Mark Ford Mission Community, their clergy Richard Silk, LLM George Davies, and for all who live and worship in Devonport Saint Bartholomew and Saint Mark Ford.

21. As the Devon County Show begins, we pray for all those attending. We particularly pray that the Churches Together area would be a blessing to all who attend the show. We pray for all the Show Chaplains, and that they would have good opportunities to share the love of Christ with the people they meet.

22. For the churches of the Saint Boniface, Saint Budeaux and Saint Philip Mission Community, LLMs Joanna Bound, Elizabeth Dickens, 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 Budeaux CofE School.

23. For the churches of the Saint David Mission Community, their clergy Mike Clark, Sarah Cumming, Suki Coe, LLMs David Blundell, Charlotte Townsend, and for all who live and worship in Saint Michael and All Angels, Mount Dinham, and Saint David.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and

give glory to your Father in heaven

MATTHEW 5:16

