

Sun 22nd – Sat 28th February

Plough new ground for yourselves, plant righteousness and reap the blessings that your devotion to me will produce. It is time for you to turn to me your Lord and I will come and pour out blessings upon you. (Hosea 10:12)

22. In our link diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, pray for the Archdeacon of the Gulf, the Ven William (Bill) Schwartz. Pray for his pastoral and prophetic ministry in the parishes of this culturally diverse diocese.
23. At the start of Fairtrade Fortnight, be mindful of the benefits of Fairtrade, and remember the farmers and producers whose lives and communities have been transformed through Trade Justice.
24. Continue to pray for all those working with Ebola victims.
25. Bow down and worship the Lord and Creator. The Lord is our God and we are His people, the sheep He takes care of in His own pasture. (Psalm 95:6-7)

26. Today, pray for the Bideford Mission Community in Barnstaple Archdeaconry: their clergy, Maddy Bray, Alan Glover, Steve Hunt, Claire Rose-Casemore, and Gwen Smith, and the congregations of St. Mary (Bideford), Holy Trinity (Landcross), St. Swithin (Littleham), St. George (Monkleigh) and Holy Trinity (Weare Giffard).
27. We remember the congregations of St. Andrew (Clyst Hydon) and St. Disen (Bradninch), in the benefice of Bradninch and Clyst Hydon in Exeter Archdeaconry.
28. Lord, help us to pray and act so that your Kingdom will come.

Prayers

1. On Education Sunday, pray for all schools, colleges and other educational establishments in our Diocese, that they may be nurturing communities for all those who study and work there.
2. Pray for teachers, particularly those who you know personally. Thank God for their enthusiasm and hard work, and for all they invest in the children and young people that they teach.
3. Remember those children who do not have easy access to education, due to poverty or war. Pray for those who seek to educate them, often in difficult circumstances and with limited resources.
4. Hold in your prayers the manager, staff and children of the Namrata Shah Children's Home run by our link Diocese of Thika: pray for the children still resident in the Home and those now boarding at secondary schools.
5. Pray for all those at The Old Deanery involved in work with children and young people: Philip Mantell, Lynne Sargeant, Fran Bradley, Katherine Lyddon, Paul Reisbach, James Grier, Christina Mabin, Sarah Owen, Cate Edmonds, Penny Burnside, Richard Maudsley, Tatiana Wilson, Janine Waring, and Adrian Hilliard.

Sun 1st – Sat 7th February

Sunday 1st February is Education Sunday. Today, education remains inaccessible for millions of children around the world: more than 72 million children of primary education age are not in school, and 759 million adults are illiterate. This week, pray particularly for those who do not have ready access to education, and thank God for all those involved in the provision of education worldwide.

6. Please pray for the Mothers' Union in Melanesia: for their new President Mrs Mary Vunagi, for their work with the Positive Parenting Programme, Literacy Schemes and support of the women's refuge at the Christian Care Centre.
7. Remember Holsworthy Deanery in Barnstaple Archdeaconry, particularly their Rural Dean, Chris Hardwick, Lay Chair, David Robinson, Secretary, Sylvia Goldspink, and Treasurer, Letitia Yetman.



Sun 8th – Sat 14th February

Give us strength to act and challenge hatred and instead bring your justice and mercy. In your name we humbly ask that we may be a channel for your peace and love. Amen

8. Pray for the Aune Valley Mission Community in Totnes Archdeaconry: the congregations at St. Mary (Churchstow), St. Michael and All Angels (Loddiswell), All Saints (South Milton), All Saints (Thurlestone) and St. Mary (Woodleigh).
9. Bring before God those who are troubled and torn apart by lack of self-esteem and those who torment and victimise the vulnerable.
10. Today, remember the Axe Valley Mission Community in Exeter Archdeaconry: their clergy, John Streeting and Geoffrey Walsh, and the congregations of All Saints (All Saints), Holy Cross (Woodbury), St. Mary the Virgin (Axminster), St. Andrew (Chardstock), St. Mary the Virgin (Combpyne with Rousdon), and St. John the Baptist (Membury).
11. Pray for Aylesbeare Deanery in Exeter Archdeaconry, remembering especially their Rural Dean, Jeremy Clark, Lay Chair, Paul Tapp, Secretary, Keith Moore, and Treasurer, Vivian Eddy.
12. God of mercy and love let us serve you in our world.
13. Pray for all the clergy attending the Mental Health Well-being training day.
14. On Valentine's Day bring before God all those you love. Thank God for them and thank God for His great love that reaches out to all.

Sun 15th – Sat 21st February

As Lent begins this week, we ask God to prepare our hearts and minds to reflect upon the temptation of Jesus for 40 days and nights and what that means for us.

15. Poverty Action Sunday prayer – Loving God, you made us in your image and inspire us with your story. Bless us with dreams and visions which are big enough to see your kingdom. Strengthen our hands and hearts as we work with Church Action on Poverty towards that good society where the promise of fullness of life is real for each and every one of us. (www.church-poverty.org.uk/sunday)
16. We remember the Diocese of Guadalcanal, the newest diocese in Melanesia, and its Bishop Rt Revd Nathan Tome.
17. On this Shrove Tuesday, Lord help us to enjoy and give thanks to you for the bounty you provide for us, and remind us to share your gifts with others
18. This Ash Wednesday may we focus on God's desire for us to put aside our selfish ways and serve Him in the world that he sent his Son to save.
19. Lord, may Lent be a time of inward searching that makes me more able to look with compassion at the needs of the world.
20. Pray for the Barnstaple Mission Community: their clergy, Nigel Dilkes, Andy Dodwell, David Fletcher, Simon May, Shirley Paterson and Marion Sanders, and the congregations at Holy Trinity (Barnstaple), St. Peter and St. Mary Magdalene (Barnstaple), Herner Chapel (Bishops Tawton), St. John the Baptist (Bishops Tawton), St. Gregory (Goodleigh), St. John the Baptist (Newport), St. Mary the Virgin (Pilton with Ashford) and St. Peter (Pilton with Ashford).
21. Thank God for signs of new life as the days get longer and spring approaches.

“And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.”

1 JOHN 5:14

