

## Prayers

Sat 1st - Sat 8th September

As we begin Creationtide, pray for all those working in the countryside: farmers, rangers and for all trying to make a living from the land. Thank God for His provision and for the beauty of creation. For resources go to: [ecochurchsouthwest.org.uk/creationtide/](http://ecochurchsouthwest.org.uk/creationtide/)

1. As we start Creationtide we pray: Loving God, as you lure the whole world into salvation, guide us with your Spirit that we might not only be pilgrims on the earth, but pilgrims with the earth, journeying home to you. Open our hearts to understand the intimate relationship that you have with all creation.
2. Pray for all children starting in new schools and for all children at our church schools as they begin the new academic year. Give thanks for new schools opening this term.
3. Pray for new school leaders and school teams as they get ready for the year ahead, and give thanks for the dedication of all governors who support our schools so well.
4. For the Saint Matthias Mission Community, their clergy John Beckett, Paul Barton, Stephen Yates, Readers Stephen Vans-Colina, Ruth Beckett, and for all who live and worship in Saint Matthias, Saint Mark and Holy Trinity.
5. For the Saint Michael and Saint Barnabas Mission Community, their clergy Tim Buckley, Readers John Wright, Lynda Buckley, and for all who live and worship in Devonport Saint Michael and Saint Barnabas.
6. From the diocesan Growing the Rural Church (GtRC) Project we are asked to pray for Parkham Parish Church and Methodist Chapel as they work together to plan how to best serve their community.
7. In our link with Melanesia we pray for the Melanesian Mission as they hold their Annual General Meeting tomorrow at Selwyn College, Cambridge. On 20th we remember Bishop John Coleridge Patteson, martyred in Melanesia and from our Diocese.
8. As we remember the birth of Mary today, we thank God for the gift of heavenly grace, and ask that the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin may bring deeper peace to those for whom the birth of her Son was the dawning of salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



## Sun 9th - Sat 15th September

Pray for all those involved in education. Thank God for their commitment to teaching and training others.

9. On Education Sunday we pray: Gather us, like threads, from all walks of life, from schools, colleges and universities; from homes and workplaces; from places of transition and refuge. Let us be woven together, in your name, to create a haven of hope and wonder for all; to make a rich and diverse tapestry of love and life in all its fullness, which reflects your Holy image. Today is also Ability Sunday, and we pray for the flourishing of all in our communities.
10. In our link with the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf we pray for Ayia Napa. Christ Church serves the local English speaking community in the coastal areas of Ayia Napa, Protaras and surrounding villages. This includes an active migrant worker group and, throughout the year, holidaymakers of many different nationalities.
11. Pray for the work of all our Education Chaplains, particularly Tom Carson at Exeter School.
12. Pray for all those attending and leading safeguarding training today in Exeter and on 29th in Barnstaple.
13. For the Saint Pancras Mission Community, their priest Phillip Baul, Reader Paul Lumb, and for all who live and worship in Saint Pancras Pennycross.
14. On Holy Cross day, we pray that the cross symbol may be for many a focus for prayer and meditation as we try to understand Christ's sacrifice for us and its mysterious glory.
15. For the Saint Peter and the Holy Apostles Mission Community, their priest David Way, and for all who live and worship in Plymouth St Peter and the Holy Apostles.

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.” Psalm 139:13-14

## Sun 16th – Sat 22nd September

This week pray for all forthcoming Harvest events in our communities. That as well as being times of giving thanks, they will be joyful times of gathering together the community.

16. For the Sampford Peverell Mission Community, their priest Glyn Lewry, Reader Mandy Lewry, and for all who live and worship in Uplowman, Sampford Peverell, Holcombe Rogus, Hockworthy, Halberton and Burlescombe.
17. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux in France, we pray for the Basilica at Lisieux, its staff and pilgrims; for all its work in promoting St Thérèse. For parishes, their clergy and people in the area of Lisieux.
18. For the Seaton and Beer Coastal Mission Community, their clergy Jeremy Trew, Simon Hitchcock, and for all who live and worship in Seaton and Beer.
19. Pray for all the churches in the Archdeaconry of Plymouth and for the Archdeacon of Plymouth Ian Chandler, Acting Archdeacon Nick Shutt and PA Debbie Delaney.
20. Pray for all our hospital chaplains, and in particular for the work of lead chaplain Paul Snell and chaplains Sacha Pearce, Jan Collis and Simon Fletcher at Plymouth Hospital.
21. On this International Day of Prayer for Peace we pray for peaceful societies, with justice and equality for everyone. This year's theme is: The Right to Peace – The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70. <http://www.un.org/en/events/peaceday/>
22. For the Shaldon Mission Community, their priest Annie Church, Reader Hugh McCormick, and for all who live and worship in Stokeinteignhead, Shaldon, Haccombe and Combeinteignhead.

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# CHURCH OF ENGLAND DEVON PRAYERS

## Sun 23rd – Sun 30th September

Pray that in our tech-filled, 24/7 society we may make time to rest and to recuperate. Try five minutes of silence each day this week.

23. On Peace Sunday we pray: Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light and where there is sadness, joy.
24. For the Shirwell Mission Community, their clergy Rosie Austin, Martin Tyrrell and for all who live and worship in Stoke Rivers, Shirwell, Loxhore, Kentisbury, East Down with Arlington, Challacombe and Bratton Fleming.
25. In our link with Thika we are asked to give thanks for the churches which have been transformed through the Umoja Church and Community Development Process. Pray for the facilitators who will enable more churches across the Diocese to start on the journey to sustainable development.
26. For the Sid Valley Mission Community, their clergy David Caporn, Annita Denny, Readers Elizabeth Harris, John Dunster, Carole Hawkins, Carolyn Croft, and for all who live and worship in Woolbrook, Sidmouth, Sidbury with Sidford, Salcombe Regis and All Saints Sidmouth.
27. Pray for the new Bishop of Crediton, Jackie Searle, as she is installed today in Southwark Cathedral.
28. From the diocesan Growing the Rural Church (GtRC) project, we are asked to pray for Cadbury Church as they celebrate Harvest and hold a community consultation to respond to the needs in their community.
29. On the festival of St Michael and All Angels we pray: Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
30. For the Silverton Mission Community, their clergy Alan MacDonald, Thom Thompson, Catherine Jenkins, and for all who live and worship in Silverton, Cadeleigh, Butterleigh and Bickleigh.

