

## Prayers

### Sun 23rd – Mon 31st December

This week as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we thank God for the gift of His Son. Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light which no darkness can quench.

23. For the Aune Valley Mission Community, their clergy Daniel Hartley, Reader Nell Stamp and for all who live and worship in Woodleigh, Thurlestone, South Milton, Loddiswell and Churchstow
24. For the Axe Valley Mission Community, their clergy Clive Sedgewick, Cate Edmonds, Geoffrey Walsh, Readers Su Clark, Tony Nixon and for all who live and worship in Membury, Combyne with Rousdon, Chardstock St Andrew, Axminster and All Saints All Saints.
25. On Christmas Day we thank God for the gift of his son Jesus Christ – the light of the world. We pray for all those who attend Christmas services, that they may catch a glimpse of God's light and love.
26. On the feast day of St Stephen we pray: Gracious Father, who gave the first martyr Stephen grace to pray for those who took up stones against him, grant that in all our sufferings for the truth, we may learn to love even our enemies and to seek forgiveness for those who desire our hurt, looking up to heaven to him who was crucified for us, Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate.
27. For the Barnstaple Mission Community, their clergy David Fletcher, Nigel Dilkes, Guy Chave-Cox, Andy Dodwell, Shirley Paterson, Marion Sanders, Cathy Scoffield, Ben Lillie, Readers John Hartfield, Joanna Pay and for all who live and worship in Sticklepath with Roundswell, Pilton with Ashford, Newport, Goodleigh, Bishops Tawton, Barnstaple St Peter and St Mary Magdalene and Barnstaple Holy Trinity.
28. For the Beacon Parishes Mission Community, their priest Andrew Down and for all who live and worship in Woodland, Ipplepen with Torbryan, Denbury and Broadhempston.
29. For the Bere Ferrers with Bere Alston Mission Community, their priest Nick Law, Readers Sheila Gay, Susan Belfield and for all who live and worship in Bere Ferrers with Bere Alston.
30. For the Bideford and the Four Villages Mission Community, their clergy Claire Rose-Casemore, Marisa Cockfield, Leigh Winsbury, Readers Sarah Cordingley, Peter Hooper and for all who live and worship in Weare Giffard, Monkleigh, Littleham, Landcross and Bideford.
31. On New Year's Eve, as we prepare to enter a new year we take time to rededicate ourselves and our churches to God: Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer, we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you here and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.



### Sat 1st – Sat 8th December

This week as we mark the 50th anniversary of Christingle and the work of The Children's Society, we pray for all children – that they may have all they need to thrive and lead fulfilled, happy lives.

1. On World Aids Day we pray for over 100,000 people in the UK who are living with HIV, and 36.7 million globally who have the virus. Pray too for the meeting of Bishop's Diocesan Council today, for wise decision making; and pray for the Reclaim the Night March in Exeter tonight, campaigning for women's rights to walk our streets safely at night.
2. On Advent Sunday we pray: In this Advent of expectation, draw us together in unity, that our praise and worship might echo inside church walls and also through our lives.
3. For the West Dartmoor Mission Community, their clergy Nick Shutt, Gary Shirley, Di Caine, Readers Jane Sanham, Martin Jury and for all who live and worship in Yelverton, Walkhampton, Sheepstor, Sampford Spiney, Meavy and Horrabridge.
4. In our link with Melanesia we pray for the safe travel of people throughout Melanesia as many return to their home islands for the Advent season. And for the four Anglican religious orders out on mission around the province.
5. For the West Exe Mission Community, their clergy David Nixon, Jerry Bird, Charles Keay, Reader Philip Baker and for all who live and worship in Saint Thomas Exeter and Exwick.
6. Pray for our Bishops, Robert, Nick and Jackie, and for our Archbishop, Justin Welby, as he leads a prayer retreat for all Bishops.
7. On this 50th anniversary of Christingle, we give thanks for the vital, life-changing work of the Children's Society.
8. Pray for all those attending and leading safeguarding training today in Exeter.



## Sun 9th – Sat 15th December

This week as we mark UN Human Rights Day, pray for a just world where all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.

9. Pray for the work of all our Education Chaplains, particularly Joe Dent and team, working at Plymouth College.
  10. On UN Human Rights Day, we pray for all persecuted Christians who are not free to worship and pray, and for all those who suffer in whatever way through the loss, restriction or breach of their human rights.
  11. For the Whiddon Mission Community, their clergy Paul Seaton-Burn, Nick Weldon, Rita Bullworthy, Harriet Every, Reader Jill Hobbs and for all who live and worship in Throwleigh, Spreyton, South Tawton, Sampford Courtenay, North Tawton, Honeychurch, Hittisleigh, Gidleigh, Drewsteignton, Chagford and Bondleigh.
  12. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-
- Lisieux in France, we pray for all the religious communities in the Diocese: for an increase of vocations to the religious life and to ordained ministry. For parishes, their clergy and people in the area of Vire.
13. Pray for all diocesan staff as they join together for a carol service today. We thank God for all they do to support the mission of our Diocese of Exeter.
  14. For the Withycombe Raleigh Mission Community, their clergy Robert Sellers, Stephen Hoyle and for all who live and worship in Withycombe Raleigh.
  15. For the Yealm and Erme Mission Community, their clergy Anne Legge, Joseph Lannon and for all who live and worship in Revelstoke, Newton Ferrers and Holbeton.

“Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” Luke 2: 13:15

## Sun 16th – Sat 22nd December

This week bring to God all those for whom the Christmas season is a difficult time. Light a candle for a person you know.

16. Pray for all our hospital chaplains and in particular for co-ordinating chaplain Julie Cartwright, working at Barnstaple Hospital.
17. We pray for those on our Diocesan Advisory Committee, giving thanks for their commitment and for all they do in the care of our church buildings.
18. For the Yealmside Mission Community, their clergy Martin Kirkbride, Owen Murphy and for all who live and worship in Yealmpton, Wembury and Brixton.
19. For the Abbotskerswell Mission Community, Readers Ian Firth, Ruth Bettesworth and for all who live and worship in Kingskerswell, Coffinswell and Abbotskerswell.
20. In our link with Thika we are asked to pray for Ven Wilson Kamau and the clergy and people of Giachuki Arhdeaconry, and for our linked parishes of Giachuki, Kiairegi and Ndunyu Chege.
21. For the Alphington Mission Community, their clergy Mike Partridge, Reader Lesley Phillips-Cannon and for all who live and worship in Shillingford St George, Ide and Alphington.
22. For the Ashburton & Moorland Mission Community, their clergy Geoffrey Fenton, Reader Marion Kaye and for all who live and worship in Widcombe in the Moor, Leusdon, Holne and Ashburton with Buckland in the Moor and Bickington.

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