

Prayers

Fri 1st – Sat 9th March

This week as we continue in Fairtrade Fortnight (until 10th), we pray for all those involved in ensuring fair pay and conditions for producers in developing countries. We pray that the mark would continue to help all those who need it around the world, and that we would all be guided by fairness as we shop for the things we need.

1. For all Readers and their ministry among us as they bring so much to the life of our worshipping communities.
2. For the Goodrington Mission Community, their priest Gary Deighton and for all who live and worship in Goodrington and Collaton St Mary.
3. As we mark Church Action on Poverty Sunday today, we pray the prayer written by them: O Christ, May your light shine brightly dispelling fog and shadows with clarity and insight. And may we be transformed by your intense radiance unveiling reality. Amen.
4. We pray today for Matthew Tragenza as he is licensed as the Rector of the United Benefice of Crediton, Sandford with Upton Hellions and Shobrooke.
5. On Shrove Tuesday, we pray for all those churches holding pancake races and events. We also pray for all those attending and leading the safeguarding training today in Torquay; 7th and 21st in Plymouth; and 28th in Torquay.
6. On Ash Wednesday, and as we begin Lent, we pray that it may be a time of inward searching that makes us more able to look with compassion at the needs of the world.
7. We pray today for the first of this season's Clergy Quiet Days. May it be a time for those who attend to reflect and to be refreshed and renewed in their ministries.
8. Pray for the work of all our Education Chaplains, particularly David Sherwood and team working at South Dartmoor College.
9. In our link with Thika, we are asked to pray for the Ven Canon John Mbutia and the clergy and people of the seven parishes in Kariara Archdeaconry. Pray also for our linked parish of Kiarutara.



Sun 10th – Sat 16th March

This week as we head deeper into Lent, we recall Jesus resisting temptation in the wilderness. Help us to reflect on his faithfulness to God and his rejection of worldly values, and to hold those thoughts in our hearts throughout Lent and beyond.

10. On the first Sunday of Lent, we ask God to help us draw near to Him in praise, stripping away all that distracts us from worship.
11. Pray for all our hospital chaplains, and in particular for Lead Chaplain Paul Snell, and chaplains Sacha Pearce, Jan Collis and Simon Fletcher working at Plymouth Hospital.
12. Pray today for the Bishop's Staff as they meet together.
13. Hold in prayer the three Bishops of our Diocese: Robert, Nick and Jackie. Give thanks for their dedication and work among us.
14. In our link with Melanesia, we pray for the people of the Melanesian and the wider Pacific communities who are losing their homes, land and crops due to changing weather patterns, flooding and coastal erosion. As the Pacific Primates meet at TNK on Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands from 14th – 17th March, we ask that all Pacific nations are heard regarding climate change and the care of creation.
15. For the Haldon Mission Community, their clergy Roderick Withnell, Sue Astbury and for all who live and worship in Teignmouth West, Teignmouth East, Ideford with Luton, Bishopsteignton and Ashcombe.
16. Pray for all diocesan officers and volunteers as they seek to serve with joy the churches, communities and people of Devon.

Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name."
Matthew 6:9

Sun 17th – Sat 23rd March

This week, go for a prayer walk. Notice the spring flowers and enjoy the warmer days. Thank God for his amazing creation, and recommit to caring for it.

17. We pray today for all those in our Diocese being confirmed by Bishop Robert.
18. For the Hartland Team Mission Community, their clergy Madeline Bray, Jane Hayes, Reader Margaret Rickard and for all who live and worship in Woolfardisworthy West, Welcombe, Parkham, Lundy, Hartland, Clovelly, Bucks Mills, Buckland Brewer and Alwington.
19. For all those attending and leading the Domestic Abuse seminar in Crediton today.
20. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux in France, we pray for the Cathedral at Bayeux and its welcome to all visitors. For parishes, clergy and people in the area of Bayeux.
21. For the Heavitree Mission Community, their clergy Robin Eastoe, Jolyon Seward, Alexander Hobbs, Andrew Johnson and for all who live and worship in Saint Mary Steps and Heavitree with St Paul Exeter.
22. For the Holiday Coast Mission Community, their clergy Dallas Ayling, Chris Curd, Readers Margaret Noel, Will Halse and for all who live and worship in Starcross, Dawlish and Cofton.
23. For the Holsworthy Mission Community, their clergy Jane Lucas, Kathy Roberts, Richard Freeman, Elizabeth Burke, Readers Mary Aicheler, Jim Williams and for all who live and worship in Highampton, Ashwater, Beaworthy, Black Torrington, Bradford with Cookbury, Bradworthy, Bridgerule, Bulkworthy, Abbots Bickington, Halwill, Thornbury, Hollacombe, Holsworthy, Milton Damerel, Putford, Pyworthy with Pancrasweek, Sutcombe, Tetcott with Luffincott and Clawton.

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND DEVON PRAYERS

Sun 24th – Sun 31st March

This week as we head towards Mothering Sunday, we give thanks to God for loving us. We also give thanks for the joy of family life, and ask for love to be present in every home. Help us, your Church, to have eyes to see and ears to hear the needs of all who come.

24. For the Holyford Mission Community in interregnum, their clergy John Lees, Shuna George, Anne Futcher, Readers Neil White, Jan Lees, Emma Laughton, Victoria Chester, Charles Hill and for all who live and worship in Southleigh, Musbury, Colyton and Branscombe.
25. For the Honiton Mission Community, their priest Sue Roberts, Reader Julia Barrett and for all who live and worship in Honiton with Monkton, Gittisham, Combe Raleigh, Buckerell and Awliscombe.
26. In our link with Cyprus and the Gulf, we pray for the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. In particular for the fellow dioceses of Egypt, Iran and Jerusalem.
27. We give thanks and pray for our four archdeacons as they meet together today.
28. For the Hukeley Mission Community, their clergy Kevin Chandra and for all who live and worship in Petton, Morebath, Huntsham, Clayhanger and Bampton.
29. For the Kingsbridge Mission Community, their clergy Jackie Taylor, Clive Rogers, David Bond, Reader Amanda Sarjeant and for all who live and worship in West Alvington, Kingsbridge and Dodbrooke.
30. We pray today for the meeting of Diocesan Synod at Westpoint. Give thanks for all those who give their time and energy to further God's mission in our Diocese. We also pray for the Exploring Vocations Day in Honiton.
31. On Mothering Sunday, we thank God for the love of our mothers and we ask that you are close to those who are grieving because they have no mother. We also pray for those who are struggling because they have no children. Be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love.

