



Prayers

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

Saturday 1st – Saturday 8th February

As we celebrate Candlemas this week, why don't you light a candle each day and reflect on ways you can bring the light of Jesus' love into dark places.

1. Please pray for the Tiverton Mission Community, their clergy Robert Gordon, Andy Humm, Justin Montague, Richard Maudsley, David Lyddon, Readers Tim Bradshaw, Jude Taylor and for all who live and worship in Tiverton, Saint George and Saint Paul, Tiverton St Andrew, Saint Peter Tiverton and Chevithorne with Cove.
2. At Candlemas we pray: All-powerful Father, Christ your Son became man for us and was presented in the temple. May he free our hearts from sin and bring us into your presence.
3. Pray for the work of all our school, college and university chaplains and all those whom offer pastoral support to schools. And at the start of Children's Mental Health Week, we pray for young people who are struggling and pray that they might find a caring response in our churches and church schools.
4. In our link with the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf we pray for the meeting of Diocesan Synod from today until 7th in Abu Dhabi and we pray for all those leading and attending Safeguarding training today in Exeter, tomorrow in Barnstaple and 27th in Torquay.
5. For the Topsham Mission Community, their clergy Louise Grace, Juliet Horwood, Peter Ingerslev and for all who live and worship in Wear and Topsham.
6. On the feast of Jesus' Ascension we pray: Before your Ascension into heaven you told your apostles to be your witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit. May we be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed.
7. In Sexual Abuse Awareness Week, we pray for those suffering abuse that they may be free from it, and pray that we might be compassionate in our response to survivors of abuse.
8. Pray for all those attending the meeting of Bishop's Diocesan Council today. Give thanks for the ministry of our three Bishops Robert, Jackie and Nick and for all those who support them.

Sunday 9th – Saturday 15th February

This week as many churches celebrate National Marriage Week we pray for all those married in our churches and for those to be married this coming year. Consider new ways of supporting those you know in your parish who are preparing for their weddings.

9. On Racial Justice Sunday we pray: God of love, shine in our lives so that others will see your love; God of peace, strengthen our faith to be bold in the face of adversity; God of joy, bless us as we go out in joy to love and to serve.
10. In our link with Thika we are asked to pray for Wilson Kamau and the clergy and people of Giachuki Archdeaconry and our linked parishes of Giachuki, Kiairegi and Ndunyu Chege.
11. For the Torquay West Mission Community, their clergy Paul Ireton, Dave George, Paul Evans, Readers Jeff Hacon, Alan Martin and for all who live and worship in Shiphay Collaton and Cockington.
12. For the Torridge Mission Community, their clergy Martin Warren, Susanna Metz, Readers Jon Berry, Liz Williams, Sheila Deane and for all who live and worship in Sheepwash, Shebbear, Petrockstowe, Petersmarland, Newton St Petrock, Merton, Langtree, Huish and Buckland Filleigh.
13. For the Torridge (Coastal) Mission Community, their clergy Derek Arnold, Roger Elks, Susan Davies-Fletcher, Readers Anne Foster, Nigel Price and for all who live and worship in Westward Ho!, Northam, Appledore and Abbotsham.
14. For the Torridge 6 Ecumenical Mission Community, their clergy Susan Oldham and for all who live and worship in Monkokehampton, Iddesleigh, Dowland and Dolton.
15. For the Torrington Mission Community, their priest Peter Bevan and for all who live and worship in Little Torrington, Great Torrington and Frithelstock.

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If there are any changes please email:
database@exeter.anglican.org

Sunday 16th – Saturday 22nd February

This week pray for the staff and students and their families, at your local school as they take a much-needed half-term break. Think of how you could offer your support to your local school and find out more about our Be a Governor campaign here: <https://exeter.anglican.org/schools/be-a-governor/>

16. In our link with Melanesia we pray today for the new Bishop of Temotu Willie Tungale as he is consecrated and installed. We give thanks for all the staff working at the Headquarters at Lata, who have worked so hard since the vacancy.
17. For the Totnes Mission Community, their clergy Julian Ould, Deborah Parsons, Gill Still, Steve Jones, Reader Elizabeth Waterson and for all who live and worship in Totnes with Bridgetown, Stoke Gabriel, Marldon, Dartington, Cornworthy, Berry Pomeroy and Ashprington.
18. For the Trinity Mission Community, their clergy Jonny Elvin, Phil Brokenshire and for all who live and worship in Holy Trinity Exeter.
19. For the Two Rivers Mission Community, their clergy Gary Owen, Paul Bysouth, Tracey Doyle, Readers David Halpin, Jacque Ward and for all who live and worship in Yarnscombe, Tawstock, St Giles in the Wood, Roborough, Newton Tracey with Alverdiscott, Huntshaw, Horwood, High Bickington, Beaford and Atherington.
20. For the Unlimited Church Mission Community, their clergy James Grier, Helen Sherlock and for all those on the team serving the young people.
21. Give thanks for the ministry of all our Readers working across our diocese. Pray for them as they attend their two-day residential conference in Lee Abbey.
22. For all involved with the Big Green Event taking place today from 10am to 4pm in Exeter Cathedral. May it inspire those attending to reconnect with the wonder of creation and to live consciously to protect people and other creatures around the world by urgently minimising our carbon emissions as individuals and churches.



Sunday 23rd – Saturday 29th February

This week as we begin Fairtrade Fortnight pray for a just and fair world in which the workers who produce our food would receive a fair price for their work. Buy as many Fairtrade items as you can during this fortnight so that it may become a habit that continues...

23. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux in France, we are asked to pray for the Bishop of Bayeux Lisieux and the Vicar-General Jean-Claude Boulanger and Xavier Signarout and for the members of the Bishop's Council.
24. For the Uplyme and Axmouth Mission Community, Readers Roger Grose, Hilary Harron and for all who live and worship in Uplyme and Axmouth.
25. For the Upper Culm Mission Community, their priest Becky Totterdell, Reader David Major and for all who live and worship in Hemyock with Culm Davy, Culmstock and Clayhidon.
26. For all those clergy who have permission to officiate in our diocese. For their generosity of time and love of God that shines through their ministries.
27. For the Torquay Central Mission Community, their clergy Peter March, Adrian Prescott and for all who live and worship in Torquay St Luke and All Saints Torre.
28. Pray for all our hospital chaplains and in particular for chaplain Penny Hamilton and team at Bideford and Great Torrington Community Hospitals.
29. For the West Dartmoor Mission Community, their priest Di Caine, Readers Jane Sanham, Martin Jury and for all who live and worship in Yelverton, Walkhampton, Sheepstor, Sampford Spiney, Meavy and Horrabridge.

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