

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March

This week as we mark 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.

22. On Mothering Sunday we thank God for 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.
23. For the Bideford and the Four Villages Mission Community, their clergy Claire Rose-Casemore, Marisa Cockfield, Reader Sarah Cordingley and for all who live and worship in Weare Giffard, Monkleigh, Littleham, Landcross and Bideford.
24. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux in France, we are asked to pray for the Cathedral at Bayeux and its welcome to all visitors. For parishes, their clergy and people in the area of Bayeux.
25. For the Bovey Valley Mission Community, their clergy Graham Hamilton, David Harris, Readers Carolyn Laycock, John Randall, Lionel Holmes, Eleanor Oelmann and for all who live and worship in Ilsington, Hennock, Bovey Tracey St Peter, St Paul and St Thomas of Canterbury and Bovey Tracey St John with Heathfield.
26. For the Braunton Mission Community, their priest Anne Thorne and for all who live and worship in Braunton.
27. Pray for all our hospital chaplains and in particular for Lead Chaplain Simon Harrison and chaplains Juliet Horwood, Sheila Swarbrick and Celia Fox at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital.
28. Pray for the meeting of Diocesan Synod today. Give thanks for those who serve and pray for vision and boldness in their decisions going forward.
29. For the Brixham Mission Community, their clergy Stephen Yates, John Gay, Angela Sumner, Readers Hilary Hyde, Martyn Hodge, Susan Shaw, Elaine Vestey, Wendy Emlyny and for all who live and worship in Lower Brixham, All Saints, Kingswear, Churston Ferrers and Brixham St Mary.
30. For the Buckland Monachorum Mission Community, their clergy Andy Bowden, Andrew Farmer, Readers Mark Smith, Paul Nixon, Angela Smith and for all who live and worship in Buckland Monachorum.
31. For the Central Exeter Mission Community, their clergy Sheila Swarbrick and for all who live and worship in Central Exeter.

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IN DEVON



# Prayers

*“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*

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March

This month we pray for the JOY 2020 outreach weekends in North Devon and Mid & East Devon. This week is also part of Fairtrade Fortnight; we pray for all producers in developing countries. We give thanks for the Fairtrade Mark working to ensure fair pay and conditions for them and their communities. 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. On the first Sunday of Lent we ask God to help us draw near to him as we join in with Lent study groups or other disciplines to help deepen our faith and on Self Harm Awareness Day we pray that those troubled of mind experience God's peace, and that they might find the strength to talk with someone to seek help.
2. For the West Exe Mission Community, their clergy David Nixon, Jerry Bird, Charles Keay, Eliza Getman, Sarah Cumming, Reader Philip Baker and for all who live and worship in Saint Thomas Exeter, Exwick.
3. Pray for the work of all our school, college and university chaplains and all those whom offer pastoral support to schools. We pray for Tim Hunt working at Blundells School in Tiverton.
4. In our link with the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf we pray for everyone working in the diocesan offices and for those who serve as licensed public lay ministers.
5. We pray for all those attending the Safeguarding training today in Barnstaple, 17th in Exeter and 26th in Plymouth. For the diocesan Safeguarding team and all the crucial work they do.
6. For the White Cross Mission Community, Reader Christine Grist and for all who live and worship in Woodbury with Exton, Woodbury Salterton, Farringdon, Clyst St Mary, Clyst St George and Aylesbeare. We pray for all the JOY 2020 events happening in North Devon this weekend. May they encourage people in their faith and connect with those who don't normally attend church.
7. For the Big Sing Choir Festival at the Big Sheep in Bideford, part of the Joy2020 weekend in Barnstaple Archdeaconry. Pray for all the singers taking part and for Bishop Robert, Bishop Jackie and Bishop Nick as they comper the event and share a faith message.

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March

This week pray for school leaders as they come together at a conference this month to be inspired, learn, share and network. Give thanks for their commitment and dedication to inspiring and teaching young people throughout Devon.

8. For the Winkleigh Mission Community, their priest Helen Blaine and for all who live and worship in Winkleigh, Brushford, Broadwood Kelly and Ashreigney.
9. In our link with Thika we are asked to pray for Ven David Karethiu and the clergy and people of Juja Archdeaconry. Our linked parishes of Juja and Kenyatta Road. The vicar and people of Gitwe, a parish transformed through the 'Umoja' Church and Community Mobilisation Process.
10. For the Whiddon Mission Community, their clergy Paul Seaton-Burn, Nick Weldon, Harriet Every, Rita Bullworthy, Mark Neave, Schools and Families Worker Wes Cutler, Reader Jill Hobbs and for all who live and worship in Spreyton, South Tawton, Sampford Courtenay, North Tawton, Honeychurch, Hittisleigh, Gidleigh with Throwleigh, Drewsteignton, Chagford and Bondleigh.
11. For the Withycombe Raleigh Mission Community, their clergy Robert Sellers, Stephen Hoyle, Owen Murphy and for all who live and worship in Withycombe Raleigh.
12. For the Yealm and Erme Mission Community, their clergy Anne Legge, Alan Ryan, Joe Lannon and for all who live and worship in Yealmpton, Wembury, Revelstoke, Newton Ferrers, Holbeton and Brixton.
13. For the Alphington Mission Community, their clergy Mike Partridge, Helen Sherlock, Reader Lesley Phillips-Cannon and for all who live and worship in Shillingford St George, Ide and Alphington.
14. For the Ashburton & Moorland Mission Community, their clergy Mark Rylands, Mandy Rylands, Geoffrey Fenton, Reader Marion Kaye and for all who live and worship in Widecombe in the Moor, Leusdon, Holne and Ashburton with Buckland in the Moor and Bickington.

### PRAYER for JOY 2020



*God of life and hope,  
draw us by your beauty  
and transform us by your grace,  
to walk faithfully in the way of Christ.  
May your love shine through us,  
warming the hearts of others,  
that they too may become disciples  
and rejoice to be your children.  
May the joy that is yours be ours,  
now and always. Amen.*

## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March

This week thank God for the warmer days and go for a prayer walk around your local community. Take time to notice the beauty of the spring flowers and other new growth. Give thanks for God's amazing creation and recommit to caring for it.

15. For the Aune Valley Mission Community, their priest Daniel Hartley, Reader Nell Stamp and for all who live and worship in Woodleigh, Thurlestone, South Milton, Loddiswell and Churchstow.
16. For the Axe Valley Mission Community, their clergy Clive Sedgewick, Cate Edmonds, Mary Harding, Readers Tony Nixon, Su Clark and for all who live and worship in Membury, Combyne with Rousdon, Chardstock St Andrew and Axminster, All Saints All Saints.
17. For the Barnstaple Mission Community, their clergy Guy Chave-Cox, Nigel Dilkes, David Fletcher, Andy Dodwell, Shirley Paterson, Marion Sanders, Cathy Scoffield, Readers Peter Nott, Joanna Pay, John Hartfield 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.
18. For the Beacon Parishes Mission Community, their priest Andrew Down, Reader Hillarie Griggs and for all who live and worship in Woodland, Ipplepen with Torbryan, Denbury and Broadhempston.
19. 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.
20. We pray for the JOY 2020 events happening across Exeter Archdeaconry this weekend. May they connect with those who don't normally attend church and encourage people in their faith. We pray for the teams taking part and for Bishop Robert, Bishop Jackie and Bishop Nick as they get involved.
21. In our link with Melanesia we pray for all the Pacific Archbishops, including the Archbishop of Melanesia, who will meet from today until 22nd in Papua New Guinea to discuss issues affecting their Provinces including climate change.

