

Sunday 23rd – Monday 31st August

As the outside world starts to become busier, pray for those who struggle with anxiety and panic attacks. Pray that they receive the support they need and help us all to be understanding in our approach to mental health. Pray for anyone you know who may be struggling with their mental health at this time, that God's face will shine upon them and give them peace.

23. For the Whiddon Mission Community, their clergy Paul Seaton-Burn, Nick Weldon, Rita Bullworthy, Harriet Every, Mark Neave and Wes Cutler, their 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.
24. For the White Cross Mission Community, their clergy Nigel Mason and Bill Lemmey, 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.
25. For the Winkleigh Mission Community, their priest Helen Blaine, and for all who live and worship in Winkleigh, Brushford, Broadwood Kelly and Ashreigney.
26. For the Withycombe Raleigh Mission Community, their clergy Robert Sellers, Owen Murphy and Stephen Hoyle, and for all who live and worship in Withycombe Raleigh.
27. For the Yealm and Erme Mission Community, their clergy Alan Ryan and Joe Lannon, and for all who live and worship in Yealmpton, Wembury, Revelstoke, Newton Ferrers, Holbeton and Brixton.
28. For the Alphington Mission Community, their clergy Mike Partridge and Helen Sherlock, their reader Lesley Phillips-Cannon, and for all who live and worship in Shillingford St George, Ide and Alphington.
29. For the Ashburton & Moorland Mission Community, their clergy Mark Rylands, Mandy Rylands and Geoffrey Fenton, their Mission and Family Development worker Heidi Lewis, reader Marion Kaye, and for all who live and worship in Widecombe-in-the-Moor, Leusdon, Holne, Huccaby, Ashburton, Buckland-in-the-Moor and Bickington.
30. For the Unlimited Church community, their clergy James Grier and Helen Sherlock and for all those on the team serving young people.
31. We pray for the Aune Valley Mission Community, their priest Daniel Hartley and reader Nell Stamp, and for all who live and worship in Woodleigh, Thurlestone, South Milton, Loddiswell and Churchstow.

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Prayers

Saturday 1st – Saturday 8th August

Pray for all those who continue to shield in their homes and help us not to forget those who are isolated and vulnerable. Help us to see how we can serve those around us and give us the energy and compassion to serve them with joy.

1. For the Tiverton Mission Community, their clergy Robert Gordon, Andy Humm, Justin Montague and Richard Maudsley, readers Tim Bradshaw and 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. For the Topsham Mission Community, their clergy Louise Grace, Juliet Horwood and Peter Ingerslev, and for all who live and worship in Wear, Topsham.
3. In our link with the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, we praise God that the doors remain open for the services to the seafarers. We thank God for the full support from the General Organizations of Sea Ports in Bahrain.
4. For the Torquay Central Mission Community, their clergy Peter March and Adrian Prescott, and for all who live and worship in Torquay St Luke, Torquay St John, Saint Mary Magdalene Torquay and All Saints Torre.
5. For the Torquay West Mission Community, their clergy Paul Ireton, Dave George and Paul Evans, readers Alan Martin and Jeff Hacon, and for all who live and worship in Shiphay Collaton, Cockington.
6. Today is the feast of the Transfiguration when we remember Jesus being transfigured (lit-up by a radiant light) when he and some of his disciples went up a mountain to pray (Matthew 17: 1-8). We thank you that when WE pray you transform us and light us up to be your presence where we live and work. We pray for the Torridge Mission Community, their clergy Martin Warren and Susanna Metz, readers Liz Williams, Jon Berry and Sheila Deane, and for all who live and worship in Sheepwash, Shebbear, Petrockstowe, Petersmarland, Newton St Petrock, Merton, Langtree, Huish and Buckland Filleigh.
7. In our link with Melanesia we pray for the Community of the Sisters of Melanesia and their work with women throughout the islands. For Head Sister Annie and Assistant Head Sister Jessy. We pray for the fundraising efforts to enable the Community to rebuild their Chapel at Verana'aso, their HQ and training centre.
8. For the Torridge (Coastal) Mission Community, their clergy Derek Arnold, Roger Elks and Susan Davies-Fletcher, readers Nigel Price and Anne Foster, and for all who live and worship in Westward Ho!, Northam, Appledore and Abbotsham.

Sunday 9th – Saturday 15th August

Pray for all those you know who are on holiday, whether at home or away. Pray that they may find peace and time to reflect on the beauty of God's creation. Pray also for those on holiday in Devon, who may be staying near where you live. Pray that their visit may be enjoyable and safe and that they may experience God's love and welcome in this beautiful county.

9. In our link with Thika, at Namrata Shah Children's home pray for Lucy the manager and the children who have come from desperate situations into a home where they will be loved and cared for. Also for the older children boarding at secondary schools and those who have gone into further education or are looking for employment.
10. We pray for Helen Williams our new 5-11 Children's Advisor. We pray for her to feel welcome and settle into her new role quickly. For the Torridge 6 Ecumenical Mission Community, their priest Susan Oldham, and for all who live and worship in Monkokehampton, Iddesleigh, Dowland and Dolton.
11. For the Torrington Mission Community, their priest Peter Bevan, and for all who live and worship in Little Torrington, Great Torrington and Frithelstock.
12. On International Youth Day we pray that Governments and organisations across the world take positive steps to protect and empower young people. Pray for the work of all our school, college and university chaplains and all those whom offer pastoral support to schools. Pray for those working at Exeter Cathedral School.
13. Pray for the Totnes Mission Community, their clergy Deborah Parsons and Gill Still, their reader Elizabeth Waterson, and for all who live and worship in Totnes with Bridgetown, Stoke Gabriel, Marldon, Dartington, Cornworthy, Berry Pomeroy and Ashprington.
14. For the Trinity Mission Community, their priest Jonny Elvin, and for all who live and worship in Holy Trinity, Exeter.
15. On the festival of St Mary we pray: *In Mary's womb, you found a home on earth, Dear Christ; remain forever in our hearts.*

August is a great month to see shooting stars! Try to spend some time gazing at the night sky while reflecting on this verse from Isaiah and see if you can spot some.

Isaiah 40:26

Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

Sunday 16th – Saturday 22nd August

This week we pray for the young people who have just got their A Level results and those who will be getting their GCSE results on Thursday. This year, for the first time, they were unable to sit their exams. We pray for freedom from anxiety for them, a sense of your hand on their lives and hope for the future despite what has happened in 2020.

16. Pray for farmers and agricultural workers and for all those who rely on the land for their livelihood. Thank God for sending the rain and the sunshine and pray that the harvest this year is bountiful, and that we continue to find new ways to farm sustainably. Pray for farmers who are struggling financially, physically or emotionally. Pray that they may be showered in strength, wisdom and peace.
17. For the Uplyme and Axmouth Mission Community, their readers Roger Grose and Hilary Harron, and for all who live and worship in Uplyme and Axmouth.
18. Pray for all our hospital chaplains as they continue to minister to people at this very challenging time and in particular for those at Derriford Hospital in Plymouth. May they reflect God's peace to those they encounter.
19. For the Upper Culm Mission Community, their priest Becky Totterdell and reader David Major, and for all who live and worship in Hemyock with Culm Davy, Culmstock and Clayhidon.
20. For the West Dartmoor Mission Community, their clergy Andrew Thomas and Di Caine, and reader Martin Jury, and for all who live and worship in Yelverton, Walkhampton, Sheepstor, Sampford Spiney, Meavy and Horrabridge.
21. For the West Exe Mission Community, their clergy David Nixon, Jerry Bird, Eliza Getman and Sarah Cumming, their reader Philip Baker, and for all who live and worship in Saint Thomas Exeter and Exwick.
22. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux in France, we pray for the ever-smiling Bishop of Bayeux Lisieux, Monsigneur Jean-Claude Boulanger, as he bids farewell to the diocese and for his retirement. For the Vicar-General Pere Xavier Signarout as he takes up the role of Administrator, and for the Bishop's Council.

