

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Lord, at this time of harvest we thank you for your provision for each of us during the pandemic. We pray for farmers, businesses, charities and institutions who are struggling financially as a result of Covid-19. Help us to offer practical and emotional support. Give our leaders the wisdom and empathy to make the right decisions in a constantly changing landscape. Amen

20. We remember the life and ministry of the first Bishop of Melanesia, John Coleridge Patteson, from Devon, on the day of his martyrdom (20th September 1871). We pray for the Melanesian Mission's Virtual AGM and Festival Day happening tomorrow, and give thanks for the charity's work through Prayer, People and Giving.
21. On International Day of Prayer for Peace watch/read or listen to the news and bring before God those places experiencing conflict. Pray for peace and justice, particularly for all vulnerable and marginalized groups.
22. For the Coast & Combe Mission Community, their clergy Peter Churcher, John Roles, Giles King-Smith and Ann Lewis, their readers Dave Richards and Sally-Ann Molligoda, and for all who live and worship in Woolacombe, Lee, Mortehoe, Ilfracombe, Combe Martin, Bittadon and Berrynarbor.
23. For the Coast and Country Mission Community, their priest Alison Shaw, and for all who live and worship in Strete, Stoke Fleming, East Allington and Blackawton.
24. For the Crediton Mission Community, their clergy Matthew Tregenza and Paul Fillery, their readers Carol Price and Sandra Collier, and for all who live and worship in Shobrooke, Sandford, Upton Hellions and Crediton.
25. For the Cullompton Mission Community, their clergy Edward Hobbs and Olly Mears, their readers Katharyn Mumby, Simon Friend and Celia Fox, and for all who live and worship in Cullompton.
26. For those being ordained as priests today in the Cathedral and at All Saints, Malborough.
27. For those being ordained as priests today at Buckfastleigh, St Aubyn in Devonport and Holy Trinity, Westward Ho!
28. For the Culm Valley Mission Community, their clergy Simon Talbot, Gudrun Thomas and Michelle Parton, their reader Chris Russell, and for all who live and worship in Willand, Uffculme and Kentisbeare.
29. For the Dart and Avon Mission Community, their clergy Tom Benson, Gina Radford, Fiona Wimsett and Laura McAdam, their readers David Harwood and Jenny Holton, and for all who live and worship in Staverton with Landscope, South Brent, Rattery, Littlehempston, Dean Prior and Buckfastleigh.
30. For the Dartmouth & Dittisham Mission Community, their clergy Bob Boyle and Andrew Langley, and for all who live and worship in Dittisham and Dartmouth.



# Prayers

## Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September

This week, as we begin the Season of Creationtide, take some time to be still in nature. Spend five minutes noticing the tiny details around you. Close your eyes and see how many different sounds you can hear. Ask God to speak to you through your surroundings.

*Lord, we thank you for the world you have given us to take care of. We praise you for your awe-inspiring creativity and the beauty that surrounds us. Help us to tread lightly on your planet and to play an active part in tackling climate change and protecting all life on earth. Amen*

1. For the Axe Valley Mission Community, their clergy Clive Sedgewick, Cate Edmonds, Nicki Davies and Shuna George, their readers Tony Nixon and Su Clark, and for all who live and worship in Membury, Combpyne with Rousdon, Chardstock and Axminster.
2. For the Barnstaple Mission Community, their clergy Nigel Dilkes, Guy Chave-Cox, Andy Dodwell, David Fletcher, Marion Sanders, Cathy Scoffield and Shirley Paterson, their readers Peter Nott, Joanna Pay and John Hartfield, and for all who live and worship in Sticklepath with Roundswell, Pilton with Ashford, Newport, Goodleigh, Bishops Tawton and Barnstaple.
3. For the Beacon Parishes Mission Community, their priest Andrew Down and reader Hillarie Griggs, and for all who live and worship in Woodland, Ipplepen, Torbryan, Denbury and Broadhempston.
4. Pray for all our hospital chaplains as they continue to minister to people at this very challenging time. Also for the Rural Deans as they care for all the clergy in their area.
5. For the Bere Ferrers with Bere Alston Mission Community, their priest Nick Law and readers Susan Belfield and Sheila Gay, and for all who live and worship in Bere Ferrers with Bere Alston.

*Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.*

*Philippians 4:7*

## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September

We pray for all those students who are returning to schools, colleges and universities as they start the new academic year. We pray for those who may not have got the exam results they needed. For those who may be feeling nervous about returning to school after such a long and difficult break, pray that God's extraordinary peace will cascade over them and that any feelings of anxiety will disappear. Pray for teachers as they learn to teach with new restrictions in place and protect everyone in places of education. Amen

6. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux in France, pray for the inauguration and growth of the Institut Normand de Sciences Religieuses (INSR) [Normandy Institute of Religious Knowledge] and the development of theological learning among clergy and lay people. Pray for parishes, their clergy and people in the area of Caen.
7. For the Bideford and the Four Villages Mission Community, their clergy Robin Pirrie, Claire Rose-Casemore and Marisa Cockfield, their reader Sarah Cordingley, and for all who live and worship in Weare Giffard, Monkleigh, Littleham, Landcross and Bideford.
8. For the Bovey Valley Mission Community, their clergy Nick Debney, Graham Hamilton and David Harris, their readers Eleanor Oelmann, Lionel Holmes, John Randall and Carolyn Laycock, and for all who live and worship in Ilsington, Hennock and Bovey Tracey.
9. For the Braunton Mission Community, their priest Anne Thorne, and for all who live and worship in Braunton.
10. On World Suicide Prevention Day, we pray for all who are isolated or lonely, for those whose mental health leaves them feeling hopeless, and pray that we can reach out to them with the love of Christ.
11. For the Brixham Mission Community, their clergy John Gay, Angela Sumner, Captain Adrian Prescott, Stephen Yates, their readers Susan Shaw, Martyn Hodge, Wendy Emlyn, Hilary Hyde and Elaine Vestey, and for all who live and worship in Brixham, Churston, Galmpton and Kingswear.
12. For the Buckland Monachorum Mission Community, their clergy Andy Bowden and Andrew Farmer, their readers Angela Smith, Paul Nixon and Mark Smith, and for all who live and worship in Buckland Monachorum. Also for those being ordained as deacons today in the Cathedral.

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## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September

We pray for the 16 deacons being ordained priests on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September at Exeter Cathedral and those being priested over the next few weeks. We thank you that each of them heard your voice and followed your call. Give them a sense of excitement about this next chapter in their lives and a sense of peace that you will be with them. Amen

13. Today is Ability Sunday. We pray for all churches to be places of inclusion and participation, taking special consideration for the needs of disabled people. We pray for anyone who may have felt excluded from worship and community to feel welcome. We remember all those who are still shielding and living in self-isolation.
14. For the Central Exeter Mission Community, their priest Sheila Swarbrick, and for all who live and worship in Central Exeter.
15. For the Chudleigh Mission Community, their readers Helen Harding, Sheila Fletcher, Arnold Cade and Keith Millar, and for all who live and worship in Trusham, Chudleigh Knighton and Chudleigh.
16. For the Churches 4 All Mission Community, their priest Marc Kerlake, and for all who live and worship in Whimple, Talaton, Clyst St Lawrence and Clyst Hydon. We pray for the Mayflower 400 Commemorations taking place in Plymouth today and say thank you for all those who have courageously campaigned for greater religious freedom. We pray for our links with our brothers and sisters in the United States.
17. For the Clyst Mission Community, their clergy Wiz Slater, Bernard Lane, Adrian Hough and Lythan Nevard, their reader Sandra Parker, and for all who live and worship in Sowton, Rockbeare, Pinhoe, Clyst Honiton and Broadclyst.
18. In our link with Thika, we give thanks for progress with the project in Thungururu for food security and water conservation. Pray for the champion farmers learning to share good practice with their neighbours and for Julius the project officer. Give thanks for the funds raised through our harvest appeal to complete the project.
19. In our link with the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, pray for the Church of the Epiphany in Qatar which has five congregations of more than 600 people. Pray for its continued growth. Pray also for the Anglican Resource Centre in Qatar which is the spiritual home for more than 85 Christian congregations, where 18-20,000 worshippers meet every weekend from 65 countries in over 150 different worship services. Pray for wisdom for its leaders as they serve faithfully.

