

Sunday 22nd – Monday 30th November

This week sees the start of the Mother's Union 16 days of activism against gender-based violence around the world. The Domestic Abuse Bill is also being debated in Parliament in the face of a rising number of domestic abuse cases due to the Covid pandemic. Please pray for changes to the law so victims are better protected. Pray for places of refuge for women and men who are not safe at the moment. Pray for our eyes to be opened to the unseen suffering around us. Give us the wisdom to know how to act. Amen.

22. For the Otter Vale Mission Community, their clergy David Carrington and Mark Ward, their readers John White, Caroline Poultney and David Williamson, and for all who live and worship in West Hill, Saint Michael, Tipton St John with Venn Ottery, Payhembury, Ottery St Mary, Newton Poppleford, Harpford, Feniton, Escot, Colaton Raleigh and Alfington.
23. On National Adoption Day we pray for all the children across Devon who are waiting to be adopted; may they feel engulfed in love and security as they wait to be adopted and throughout their lives. We thank God for the incredible work done by foster carers, local councils and adoption agencies and we pray that they may be blessed with strength, wisdom and peace as they strive to seek forever homes for vulnerable children.
24. In our link with the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, pray for the Sovereign Base Areas of Cyprus where over 6500 British service personnel and dependents, civil servants and locally employed civilians are based. Pray for the four military chaplains who lead congregations in Dhekelia, Ayios Nikolaos, Episkopi and Akrotiri.
25. On International Day for the Eradication of Violence against Women (White Ribbon Day) we pray for all those suffering domestic violence and pray for an end to all forms of gender-based violence. We pray for women across Devon who are suffering domestic violence, that justice is done to their abusers and they may be empowered to get help and change their future.
26. For the Our Lady and All the Saints North Torquay Mission Community, their clergy Paul Jones and Gorran Chapman, their reader Pamela Macey, and for all who live and worship in Torquay Saint Martin Barton, Saint Marychurch and Babbacombe.
27. For the Our Lady of Glastonbury Mission Community, their priest David Bailey, and for all who live and worship in Saint Aidan Ernesettle, Saint Chad Whiteleigh, and Saint Francis Honicknowle.
28. For the Rt Rev Julius Wanyoike, Bishop of our link Diocese of Thika and his Administrative Secretary Rev James Kamura. Pray also for the Mothers' Union in Thika – who are the powerhouse of the Church – and their coordinator and Mrs Esther Wanyoike the president.
29. For our faithful spiritual directors who spend time with those who are seeking to grow in prayer and deepen their journey with God.
30. For the Paignton Mission Community, their clergy Roger Carlton and Jeffrey Hill, and for all who live and worship in Paignton.



Prayers

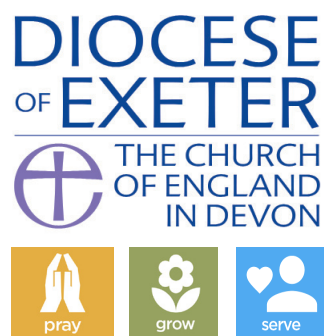
Sunday 1st – Saturday 7th November

In this season of All Souls and All Saints Days we remember everyone we have loved who is no longer with us. In some countries people fly kites to celebrate lives that meant so much, in others they place chrysanthemums on graves or fill churchyards with candles. Help us to be confident that, with you, death is not the end. Show us the people around us who may be lonely or grieving and need a friend. Amen.

1. On All Saints day help us to be inspired by the lives of saints and what they can teach us about following Jesus.
2. On All Souls Day we remember our loved ones and all those people who have been part of our journey of faith.
3. For the Little Dart Team Mission Community, their clergy Tony Rockey, Adrian Wells and Janet May, their reader Christine Chandler, and for all who live and worship in Witheridge with Creacombe, West Worlington, Wembworthy with Eggesford, Thelbridge, Romansleigh, Meshaw, East Worlington, Chulmleigh, Cheldon, Chawleigh and Burrington.
4. Pray for our military chaplains who preach the gospel to our servicemen and women. We are so thankful for their ministry, faithfulness and sacrifice. Pray that their families may be comforted and their family units strong. Pray that they may have wisdom and courage in all that they do.
5. For the Littleham cum Exmouth with Lympstone Mission Community, their clergy Steve Jones and Benedict Cambridge, their readers Demelza Henderson and Elizabeth Burren, and for all who live and worship in Lympstone, Littleham Cum Exmouth.
6. For the Lyn Valley Mission Community, their clergy Samantha Stayte and Jean Loveday, and for all who live and worship in Trentishoe, Parracombe, Martinhoe, Lynton, Countisbury and Brendon.
7. For the Malborough Mission Community, their clergy Daniel French, Christian Hill and Stephen Ball, and for all who live and worship in Salcombe and Malborough with South Huish.

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. Psalm 18:2

Heavenly Father, sometimes it can feel like we are drowning in the latest COVID-19 statistics; the news can seem alarming and scary; the ever-changing guidance can seem bewildering. Help us to remember to be still and listen to your peaceful and reassuring voice. Help us to lean on you as our rock, our refuge, our shield, our salvation and our stronghold. Give us courage and the wisdom to know how best to be a lighthouse for others in our communities across Devon. Amen.



Sunday 8th – Saturday 14th November

As we enter Interfaith week, pray that we may have greater understanding of the different faith communities in Devon and that we may have opportunities to meet people of different faiths, work together for the good of our communities and forge new friendships. Amen.

8. On Remembrance Sunday we unite in saying: At the going down of the sun and in the morning: We will remember them. Remembrance Sunday may look a bit different this year in the light of the Covid restrictions, but we can still thank God for all who fought and died for our freedom. We pray for everyone currently serving in the armed forces, particularly our military chaplains. Give them courage and comfort in danger, patience in waiting, and discipline in the just use of force. Help us never to give up praying for peace and an end to conflicts - however impossible it may seem.
9. For Bishop Robert, Bishop Jackie and Bishop Nick, that they may be full of strength, courage, wisdom and vision as they continue in their mission to grow and disciple your church in Devon. We are so thankful for their ministry, dedication and leadership and we pray blessings on them and their families.
10. For the Modbury Mission Community, their priest Matt Rowland, and for all who live and worship in Ringmore, Modbury, Kingston, Bigbury and Aveton Gifford.
11. As we enter Alcohol Awareness week we pray for all those struggling with addiction to alcohol, who are often hidden from sight, in all of our communities. Pray that they may know that they are not alone, that they are valued and give them the courage to seek help. Give thanks for the incredible work done by organisations such as Alcoholics Anonymous and the Gilead Foundation. Pray for all those in your community who are on the brink of addiction right now, that they may be saved from falling into this destructive habit. Pray also for the families of those who are suffering with addiction, that they may have the wisdom to know how best to support their loved one, and that they too are able to receive support.
12. For the Netherexe Parishes Mission Community, their clergy Katie Cross, Julia Hocking and Julia Dallen, their reader Laura Ford and for all who live and worship in Upton Pyne, Thorverton, Stoke Canon with Huxham, Rewe with Nether Exe, Poltimore, Newton St Cyres, Cadbury and Brampford Speke.
13. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux in France, pray for the small Anglican community centred on Caen and their Chaplain Fr. Mark Osborne. Pray also for parishes, their clergy and people in the area of Villers-Bocage.
14. For the Newton Abbot Mission Community, their clergy Patrick Parkes, Gareth Regan and Nick Debney and Ben Maynard, their reader Keith Butler, and for all who live and worship in Ogwell, Newton Abbot and Milber.

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Sunday 15th – Saturday 21st November

As we enter Anti-Bullying week we pray for the success of this campaign across all of our nation. We pray for a change in our society and the recognition that all bullying is wrong whether it be in person or online. Help us, and all young people across Devon, to recognise bullying when we see it and give us the courage to stand up against it. Help us to greater reflect the love and compassion of Jesus and to shine like stars to those around us.

15. For the North Creedy (East) Mission Community and for all who live and worship in Woolfardisworthy East, Washford Pyne, Stockleigh Pomeroy, Stockleigh English, Puddington, Poughill, Kennerleigh and Cheriton Fitzpaine.
16. For the North Kenn Team Mission Community, their priest Martin Wood, and for all who live and worship in Whitestone with Oldridge, Tedburn St Mary, Holcombe Burnell and Cheriton Bishop.
17. In our link with the Province of Melanesia, we remember in our prayers the Diocese of Hanuato'o, the 15 parishes and 32 serving clergy. We give thanks for the ministry of their recently retired Bishop, the Rt Revd Alfred Karibongi, and pray for the appointment process to find his successor.
18. For the North Taw Mission Community, their clergy Michael Newbon, Steve Painting and Caroline Raby, and for all who live and worship in West Down, Marwood, Heanton Punchardon and Georgeham.
19. For the Northmoor Mission Community, their clergy Stephen Cook, Adrian Brook, Leigh Winsbury and Richard Bache, their readers Carol Bache, Michael Winter OBE, Kerry Friend and Beverley Johnson, and for all who live and worship in Sourton, Okehampton, Northlew, Meeth, Lydford, Jacobstowe, Inwardleigh, Hatherleigh, Germansweek, Exbourne, Bridestowe, Bratton Clovelly and Belstone.
20. On Transgender Day of Remembrance we remember everyone who has lost their lives in acts of anti-transgender violence. We pray that such dreadful acts cease, that transphobia becomes a thing of the past and that we, as the church, are able to fully reflect God's love to each and every person.
21. For our school leaders, teachers, governors and directors. Give thanks for all they do to inspire faith and spirituality in our young people.

