

Sunday 24th – Sunday 31st January

As we come to the end of January, we pray particularly for those people who are looking for work and who may be struggling financially. We pray that they have the confidence, determination and belief in themselves to keep trying. Help us, as the Church, to know how we can help and greater reflect God's love for them and His great plans for their lives.

24. For the Teign Valley and Haldon Hill Mission Community, their priest Ruth Frampton, and for all who live and worship in Dunsford, Dunchideock, Doddiscombsleigh, Christow, Bridford and Ashton. For St Basils Rural Church Plant and its Proposed Leader Pete James.
25. Today we pray for all the Children and Families workers in churches across Devon. We are so thankful for the vital work they do with our young people. May they be blessed with strength and enthusiasm and may they receive the support they need to open new doors, explore new avenues and develop new ideas.
26. In our link with the Province of Melanesia, Pray for the Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACoM) and the nine dioceses across the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu & New Caledonia, which was inaugurated as a Province on this day in 1975.
27. On Holocaust Memorial Day we remember with sorrow the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust. We pray that there will be an end to negativity and hatred of others who are different to us, whether it is conscious or unconscious. May we stand together with those who are suffering today, and may we see the role we can play in ensuring that love prevails over hate.
28. For the Three Rivers Mission Community, their priest David Sayle, and for all who live and worship in Ugborough, Moreleigh, Harbertonford, Harberton, Halwell, Ermington and Diptford with North Huish.
29. We pray for our link with the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, for Archbishop Michael, the archdeacons, ministers and congregations spread across this vast area, that they may be encouraged in their life in Christ and be built up in all they do for the kingdom of God.
30. As our bishops and senior staff meet today, we pray that they may have vision, courage and energy for the year ahead. We pray for all diocesan staff across Devon, that they may keep the message of Christ at the centre of their work and that they may feel empowered to be bold in their work to grow His kingdom.
31. For the Three Wells Mission Community, their priest Michael Wilkie, their readers John Dunn and Ian Firth, and for all who live and worship in Kingskerswell, Coffinswell and Abbotskerswell.



Prayers

As we begin a new year we pray: Lord, You make all things new, you bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our spirits to be born again. Thank you for this New Year, for all the potential it holds. Help us to listen to your Spirit and the plans you have for us this year. Amen.

Friday 1st – Saturday 9th January

At the start of 2021, we pray for those who lead our nation. May they be refreshed and full of the energy they need to govern wisely. Give them a desire to see justice and freedom in our world, and may they know Your presence in their lives. May they have the courage to choose the right path, no matter how hard, difficult or unpopular it is. Amen

1. On the first day of 2021, we pray for everyone in our own community, that they may be filled with hope for this year. Also for all those people who struggle with alcohol addiction, that they may have the strength of conviction to start Dry January today, or to reach out to an Alcoholics Anonymous group.
2. For the Saint Peter and the Holy Apostles Mission Community, their clergy David Way and David Watson, and for all who live and worship in Plymouth St Peter and the Holy Apostles.
3. For the Sampford Peverell Mission Community, their priest Glyn Lewry, reader Mandy Lewry, and for all who live and worship in Uplowman, Sampford Peverell, Holcombe Rogus, Hockworthy, Halberton and Burlescombe.
4. As school pupils and staff return after the holidays, pray for them and for the work of all our school, college and university chaplains and all those who give pastoral support to schools.
5. For the Seaton and Beer Coastal Mission Community, their clergy Jeremy Trew, Alison Finch and Simon Hitchcock, and for all who live and worship in Seaton, Beer.
6. Pray for our Archdeacons, for all they do to support and encourage the life of our churches and communities around our diocese: The acting Archdeacon of Barnstaple Giles King-Smith, the Archdeacon of Exeter, Andrew Beane, the Archdeacon of Plymouth, Nick Shutt and the Archdeacon of Totnes, Douglas Dettmer.
7. For the Shaldon Mission Community, their priest Annie Church, and for all who live and worship in Stokeinteignhead, Shaldon, Hacombe and Combeinteignhead.
8. For the Sherford Church of England Community Church Mission Community, their priest Tom Brassil and reader Andrew Williams.
9. For the Shirwell Mission Community, their clergy Rosie Austin and Martin Tyrrell, and for all who live and worship in Shirwell, Loxhore, Kentisbury, East Down with Arlington, Challacombe and Bratton Fleming with Stoke Rivers.

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Sunday 10th – Saturday 16th January

We pray for NHS staff, care-home staff, the police and all shift workers who may not have been able to have a rest over the Christmas period. May they now be able to take the rest they need, to feel refreshed when they return to work, and may they know God's peace in their lives.

10. In our link with the Diocese of Thika in Kenya, we pray particularly for the children, all of whom have been affected by the pandemic. Schools have been closed since March with only 2 year groups open from mid-October. We pray for the safe reopening of schools and institutions - including the Namrata Shah Children's Home which is run by the Diocese. Also for fair and rapid distribution of the vaccine so those who rely on daily work to buy food can rebuild their livelihoods.
11. For the Sid Valley Mission Community, their clergy David Caporn, Kim Mathers, Matt Selman, Laura Selman and Nigel Candelent, their readers Carolyn Croft and John Dunster, and for all who live and worship in Woolbrook, Sidmouth, Sidbury with Sidford, Salcombe Regis and All Saints Sidmouth. Pray also for Exeter churches as they begin their period of prayer for the city; may this time bring blessings upon these churches and all of Exeter.
12. As we celebrate the baptism of Christ today we give thanks for our own baptisms and thank God for all we have received as people of faith.
13. For the Silverton Mission Community, their clergy Paul Kingdom and Thom Thompson, and for all who live and worship in Silverton, Cadeleigh, Butterleigh and Bickleigh.
14. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux in France, pray for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and for all ecumenical prayer meetings in Normandy. Also for those involved in an on-line exchange of preachers during Covid and for Mgr Jacques Habert as he is installed as Bishop of Bayeux-Lisieux, and as he begins his new ministry.
15. For the South Dartmoor Mission Community, their clergy Paul Hinckley and Denis Robinson, their reader Tricia Stringer, and for all who live and worship in Sparkwell, Ivybridge, Harford and Cornwood.
16. For the Stokenham Mission Community, their priest Michael Berrett, and for all who live and worship in Stokenham with Sherford and Beesands.

"So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while."

1 Peter 1: 6

Sunday 17th – Saturday 23rd January

This week as we join in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray together around the theme of "*Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit*" which is based on John 15:1-17. We pray for reconciliation and unity in the Church as a whole, that Christians will be united as disciples of Christ, working on the same team, rather than being divided by differences, rivalries or competitiveness.

17. On World Religion Day we pray for greater understanding and harmony between different faiths. Also for the South Molton Mission Community, their clergy Michael Grandey, David Coleman, Lynn Flatt, Bryant Sanders and Christopher Pouncey, their readers John Cundill and Deborah Bayliss, and for all who live and worship in Warkleigh with Satterleigh, South Molton with Nymet Saint George, Kingsnympton, Filleigh, Chittlehampton with Umberleigh and Chittlehamholt.
18. On Martin Luther King Day we pray that racial equality will be achieved, not only in the USA, but throughout the world. We pray that pride, suspicion and racism will be stripped from our own communities and that peace and justice will be upheld in Devon, in the UK and across the globe.
19. For the Start Bay Mission Community, their readers Ken Ball and Andy McMullin, and for all who live and worship in South Pool, Slapton, East Portlemouth, Chivelstone, Charleton, and Buckland-Tout-Saints.
20. As Joe Biden is inaugurated as the new president of the USA, we pray that he may have wisdom beyond his own understanding, energy and enthusiasm and the courage to choose the right path no matter how narrow the gate.
21. For the Tamar Mission Community, their clergy Andy Atkins and Philip Conway, reader Richard Searight, and for all who live and worship in Thrushelton, Stowford, Milton Abbot with Dunterton, Marystowe, Lifton, Lew Trenchard, Lamerton with Sydenham Damerel, Kelly with Bradstone, Coryton and Broadwoodwidge.
22. For the Tamerton Foliot and Southway Mission Community, their clergy David Gill and Iain Robertson, and for all who live and worship in Tamerton Foliot, Southway.
23. For the Tavy Mission Community, their clergy Sean Brassil, Chris Hardwick, Miranda Donne, Judith Blowey, Hazel Butland, Rosie Illingworth, their readers Wendy Roderick Hake, Sally Pancheri, Sue Allerton and Anne Palfrey, and for all who live and worship in Whitchurch, Tavistock, Peter Tavy, Mary Tavy, Gulworthy and Brent Tor.

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