

Sunday 21st – Sunday 28th February

As we enter Fairtrade Fortnight we pray that each crop produced in our country and in our world may fetch a fair price, with each worker being paid justly. Pray that the simple choices we make – what tea to drink, what fruit to eat – may honour God and His bountiful creation. God loves every single person involved in the production of every single item we purchase; may we reflect His love by doing all we can to ensure they are paid fairly for the work they do.

21. In our link with the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf we pray for St George's Church in Baghdad which receives Iraqi people from different Christian denominations. Pray that its clinic, kindergarten, Mother's Union branch and Redeemer School continue to flourish.
22. For the Trinity Mission Community, their priest Jonny Elvin, and for all who live and worship in Holy Trinity Exeter.
23. For the Two Rivers Mission Community, their clergy Gary Owen and Tracey Doyle, their readers David Halpin, Carol Wyatt, Tim Overton and Jacque Ward, and for all who live and worship in Yarnscombe, Tawstock, St Giles in the Wood, Roborough, Newton Tracey with Alverdiscott, Huntshaw, Horwood, High Bickington, Beaford and Atherington.
24. For Unlimited Church in Exeter and their mission to young people; and their leaders James Grier, Liz Grier and Helen Sherlock.
25. 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.
26. For the West Dartmoor Mission Community, their clergy Andrew Thomas and Di Caine, their reader Martin Jury, and for all who live and worship in Yelverton, Walkhampton, Sheepstor, Sampford Spiney, Meavy and Horrabridge.
27. For the West Exe Mission Community, for St Thomas', their clergy David Nixon, Alison Whiting, and Sarah Cumming, and for Exwick and their priest Jerry Bird.
28. In our link with the Province of Melanesia, we pray for Revd Benedict Loe as he becomes Bishop of Guadalcanal in the Province of Melanesia today.



Prayers

Lord, during this challenging time for our country, enable us to give hope to others and to reflect your light of life, reaching every corner of Devon and the UK. Use us to reach those who are lonely, lost or oppressed and give us strength to keep serving you. Amen

Monday 1st – Saturday 6th February

During Children's Mental Health week, we pray for children who are affected by mental health issues, particularly at this time. We pray no child would feel stigmatised or alone because of mental health and that they would receive the understanding and support they need. As we celebrate Candlemas this week, why not light a candle each day and reflect on ways you can bring the light of Jesus' love into dark places or leave a light on in your window as suggested [in this video by our Mission Enabler James Grier](#).

1. At the beginning of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence Awareness week we pray for every person in our own community who is suffering from sexual abuse. May they know that they are blameless, that what is happening is not okay and that help is available. Give them the courage to reach out.
2. At Candlemas we pray: All-powerful Father, Christ your Son became a man for us and was presented in the temple. May he free our hearts from sin and bring us into your presence. Amen.
3. For the Tiverton Mission Community, their clergy Andy Humm, Robert Gordon, Richard Maudsley and Justin Montague, their readers Jude Taylor and Tim Bradshaw and for all who live and worship in Tiverton, Saint George and Saint Paul, Tiverton St Andrew, Saint Peter Tiverton and Chevithorne with Cove and for their closer working partnership.
4. On World Cancer Day pray for all those living with cancer. Give them the hope and courage they need each day. Comfort them in their pain and bless them with healing. Strengthen their family, friends, and caregivers.
5. For the Topsham Mission Community, their priest Louise Grace, and for all who live and worship in Wear, Topsham.
6. We pray for Her Majesty the Queen on the sixty-ninth anniversary of her accession to the throne of this realm, giving thanks for her dedicated service to her people.

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12

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Sunday 7th – Saturday 13th February

During LGBT history month help each of us to understand more deeply issues of gender and sexuality and how they are intrinsic to people's sense of identity, their lives and loving relationships. Help us to see how the life and mission of the church is affected by the deep, and sometimes painful, disagreements among us. We pray particularly for the *Living in Love and Faith* resources that have been produced by the Church of England, that these will be used widely and help us to hear Christ's call to the church today.

7. For the Torquay Central churches, their clergy Peter March, Sam Leach, and Emma Dornan, their readers Edwina Corderoy and Sam Upham, and all who live and worship in the parishes of Torre, Torquay St John, Torquay St Luke, and Upton St Mary Magdalene.
8. For the Torquay West churches, their clergy Paul Ireton, Dave George, and Paul Evans, their readers Jeffery Hacon and Stephen Vans-Colina, and all who live and worship in Shiphay Collaton and Cockington with Chelston.
9. For the Torridge Mission Community, their clergy Martin Warren and Susanna Metz, their reader Jon Berry, and for all who live and worship in Sheepwash, Shebbear, Petrockstowe, Petersmarland, Newton St Petrock, Merton, Langtree, Huish and Buckland Filleigh.
10. In our link with the Diocese of Thika in Kenya, we give thanks for the great faith of our African brothers and sisters in the face of the fearful threat of the virus in a country without robust health facilities. We pray for their continued protection and the health and strength of the clergy as they provide leadership and care for their parishioners with reduced resources while spreading important information about Covid security. Their message is: 'Do what you can to keep safe - and trust God for what you can't do.'
11. For the Torridge (Coastal) Mission Community, their clergy Derek Arnold, Roger Elks and Susan Davies-Fletcher, their readers Nigel Price and Anne Foster, and for all who live and worship in Westward Ho!, Northam, Appledore and Abbotsham.
12. For all the PTO (Permission to Officiate) Readers who serve our diocese with such dedication and energy.
13. For the Torridge 6 Ecumenical Mission Community, their priest Susan Oldham, and for all who live and worship in Monkoehampton, Iddesleigh, Dowland and Dolton.

Sunday 14th – Saturday 20th February

This week as teachers, children and parents are on half-term, we pray for our schools who have had to find new ways of teaching children at home or in key-worker bubbles. We pray also for parents and children who have had to adapt to home-schooling. Bless them all with stamina, positivity and hope for the future. We also pray for the Diocese Lent Course and all those who will be learning through it.

14. On Valentine's Day, we thank God for His limitless love for us and for the gift of love we receive from others. This Racial Justice Sunday help us to reflect on how we could better show love to all God's people regardless of their race or ethnicity.
15. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux in France, pray for all those involved in planning exchange conferences, especially for speakers and those providing hospitality.
16. On Shrove Tuesday we thank God for the many blessings and bounty he provides for us. And as Lent begins tomorrow, may it be an inward journey of contemplation and wondering, of confessing and forgiving, of learning and loving. And in all of this, may we grow closer to Jesus and to one another.
17. As Lent begins today, may it be an inward journey of contemplation and wondering, of confessing and forgiving, of learning and loving. And in all of this, may we grow closer to Jesus and to one another. For the Torridge and Taw Mission Community, their priest Tom Simpson, and for all who live and worship in Westleigh, Instow, Fremington.
18. For the Torrington Mission Community, their priest Peter Bevan, and for all who live and worship in Little Torrington, Great Torrington and Frithelstock.
19. For the Totnes Mission Community, their clergy Jim Barlow, Deborah Parsons and Gill Still, their reader Elizabeth Waterson, and for all who live and worship in Totnes with Bridgetown, Stoke Gabriel, Marldon, Dartington with Brooking, Cornworthy, Berry Pomeroy and Ashprington.
20. For all the lay chairs, secretaries and treasurers who serve parishes across Devon and dedicate so much time and energy to serving their communities and church.

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