

Sunday 21st – Wednesday 31st March

As we enter into Spring and the anniversary of the first lockdown, may we take the time to notice nature blooming around us and to reflect on the changing of the seasons. Let us reflect on the past year and God's hand in all that we have experienced, lived through and achieved.

21. In our link with Melanesia we pray for Rev'd Arthur Stanley Abui as he becomes the fourth Bishop for the Diocese of Huanuato'o in Makira Ulawa Province today. For his wife Rebecca Abui and their four children.
22. For the Beacon Parishes Mission Community, their priest Andrew Down, their reader Hillarie Griggs, and for all who live and worship in Woodland, Ipplepen with Torbryan, Denbury and Broadhempston.
23. For the Bere Ferrers with Bere Alston Mission Community, their priest Nick Law, and for all who live and worship in Bere Ferrers with Bere Alston.
24. In our link with the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf we pray for the Anglican Churches in Qatar and thank God for their effective ministry on YouTube and Facebook, which has significantly extended their congregations, with people participating throughout Doha, the Middle East, and around the world.
25. On Annunciation Day, when the angel Gabriel told Mary she would have a son, we remember the faith and strength showed by Mary, and pray that we too may have the faith and strength to follow God's plan for us.
26. For the Bovey Valley Mission Community, their clergy Nick Debney, Graham Hamilton and David Harris, their readers Carolyn Laycock and Eleanor Oelmann, and for all who live and worship in Ilington, Hennock, Bovey Tracey St Peter, St Paul and St Thomas of Canterbury and Bovey Tracey St John with Heathfield.
27. For the Brixham Mission Community, their clergy Stephen Yates, John Gay and Angela Sumner, their readers Hilary Hyde, Elaine Vestey and Wendy Emlyn, and for all who live and worship in Lower Brixham, Higher Brixham, Kingswear and Churston Ferrers.
28. For the Buckland Monachorum Mission Community, their clergy Andy Bowden and Andrew Farmer, their readers Mark Smith, Angela Smith and Paul Nixon, and for all who live and worship in Buckland Monachorum.
29. For the Central Exeter Mission Community, their priest Sheila Swarbrick, and for all who live and worship in Central Exeter.
30. For the Clyst Mission Community, their clergy Wiz Slater, Bernard Lane, Adrian Hough and Lythan Nevard, and for all who live and worship in Sowton, Rockbeare, Pinhoe, Clyst Honiton and Broadclyst.
31. For the Coast & Combe Mission Community, their clergy Peter Churcher, John Roles, Giles King-Smith and Ann Lewis, their reader Sally-Ann Molligoda, and for all who live and worship in Woolacombe, Lee, Morteheo, St Philip and St James Ilfracombe, Holy Trinity and St Peter's Ilfracombe, Combe Martin, Bittadon and Berryarbor.



Prayers

In this month of Lent, we recall Jesus resisting temptation in the wilderness. Help us to reflect on his incredible strength and patience and to take this into our hearts. The word Lent comes from the Old English word 'lencten', meaning springtime. Help us to look forward prayerfully and expectantly to spring.

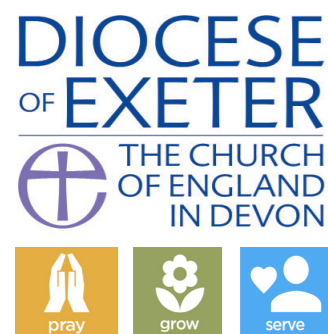
Monday 1st – Saturday 6th March

This week as we continue in Fairtrade Fortnight, we pray for all those involved in ensuring fair pay and conditions for producers in developing countries. We pray that the mark would continue to help all those who need it around the world, and that we would all be guided by fairness as we shop for the things we need.

1. At the beginning of Eating Disorder awareness week and on Self Harm awareness day, we pray for those people in our own communities who are suffering with an eating disorder or who are self-harming. May they be met with understanding, wisdom and compassion from those around them, and may they reach out and accept help in the coming weeks.
2. For the Whiddon Mission Community, their clergy Paul Seaton-Burn, Nick Weldon, Mark Neave, Harriet Every, and Rita Bullworthy, their Lay Worker Wes Cutler, their readers Kay Pyne and 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.
3. For the White Cross Mission Community, their priest Bill Lemmey and 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.
4. For the Winkleigh Mission Community, their priest Helen Blaine and for all who live and worship in Winkleigh, Brushford, Broadwood Kelly and Ashreigney.
5. For the World Day of Prayer, which this year comes from Vanuatu, part of our link diocese of Melanesia. For the Withycombe Raleigh Mission Community, their clergy Robert Sellers, Stephen Hoyle and Owen Murphy, and for all who live and worship in Withycombe Raleigh.
6. For the Yealm and Erme Mission Community, their clergy Alan Ryan and Kim Lovell, and for all who live and worship in Yealmpton, Wembury, Revelstoke, Newton Ferrers, Holbeton and Brixton.

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

Psalm 27:14



Sunday 7th – Saturday 13th March

We pray for everyone doing a Lent course, including the Diocese's 'These Are Our Stories' course and 'Women in the Shadows' from The Clewer Initiative. May these courses bring us closer to God and open our eyes to the experiences and needs of those around us.

7. As we continue into March, which is Ovarian Cancer Month, Endometriosis Month and Brain Tumour Awareness month, we pray for all people affected by these illnesses, and particularly those within in our own communities. We pray that they will get the treatment they need in good time and that they may feel God's caring and loving hand upon their lives.
8. For the Alphington Mission Community, their priest Mike Partridge, and for all who live and worship in Shillingford St George, Ide and Alphington.
9. For the Ashburton & Moorland Mission Community, their clergy Mark Rylands and Geoffrey Fenton, their Mission and Family Development Worker, Heidi Lewis, and for all who live and worship in Widecombe in the Moor with Postbridge, Leusdon, Holne with Huccaby, and Ashburton with Buckland in the Moor and Bickington.
10. In our link with the Diocese of Thika in Kenya, we give thanks for recent good rains and pray for farmers preparing the land and hoping for adequate rain in the next rainy season to produce a good harvest. Pray for the development of more resilient farming methods to cope with the changing climate which makes the seasons unpredictable.
11. For the Aune Valley Mission Community, their priest Daniel Hartley, and for all who live and worship in Woodleigh, Thurlestone, South Milton, Loddiswell and Churchstow.
12. For the Army and Navy chaplains who are based in Devon, may they shine brightly to those around them, as they offer others the message of light and life.
13. For the Bideford and the Four Villages Mission Community, their clergy Claire Rose-Casemore, Marisa Cockfield, Chris Hutchins and Robin Pirrie, their reader Sarah Cordingley, and for all who live and worship in Weare Giffard, Monkleigh, Littleham, Landcross and Bideford.

Information included in this prayer diary is taken from the diocesan database, where people have given us permission to do so, and was accurate at the time of publication.

*If there are any changes please email:
database@exeter.anglican.org*

Sunday 14th – Saturday 20th March

Pray for the businesses in Devon that are struggling to withstand the uncertainties of the pandemic and for all those who are facing financial hardship and unemployment. Give them the confidence to know their own worth and not give into doubt as to what they can achieve. Bless them with the strength, courage and hope to keep on going, and help all of us to see how we can play our part in supporting them.

14. On Mothering Sunday, we thank God for the love of our mothers and the blessing they are to us. We pray for those who are grieving their mothers and for those who are struggling because they have no children; may they know the deep and comforting love of God in their lives. We thank you for the work of the Home for Good adoption and fostering charity.
15. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux in France, pray for the Cathedral at Bayeux, for the parishes, their clergy and people in the area of Bayeux. We also pray for their recently appointed Bishop Jacques Habert, that his ministry may be a blessing to all.
16. On Young Carers Action Day we pray for all young people in our communities who care for parents and siblings and who carry a burden of care beyond their years. May their skills and experience lead them to bright and exciting futures.
17. For the Axe Valley Mission Community, their clergy Clive Sedgewick, Nicky Davies, Cate Edmonds, Tracey Voysey, Shuna George, their reader Su Clark, and for all who live and worship in Uplyme, Membury, Combyne with Rousdon, Chardstock St Andrew, Axmouth, Axminster and All Saints.
18. For the Barnstaple Mission Community, their clergy David Fletcher, Guy Chave-Cox, Paul Taylor, Cathy Scoffield, Marion Sanders and Shirley Paterson, their readers Joanna Pay and Peter Nott, and for all who live and worship in Sticklepath with Roundswell, Pilton with Ashford, Newport, Goodleigh, Bishops Tawton, Barnstaple St Peter and St Mary Magdalene and Barnstaple Holy Trinity.
19. May Red Nose Day bring joy and laughter to us all and may the campaign bring meaningful change as it aims to tackle homelessness, hunger, domestic abuse and mental health stigma.
20. For all the Rural Deans in Devon, may their lives and ministries be blessed and may they have the enthusiasm and strength to keep serving God in a real and powerful way.

