

## Sunday 25th – Friday 30th

**We pray for those struggling with their mental health. The past year has been trying in many ways and at times we have all felt low. We thank you for the Mental Health First Aid Training happening in the Diocese and pray that the work currently being done to improve wellbeing will be effective.**

25. For the Exe Valley Mission Community, their priest Steph Gordon-Jeffs, and for all who live and worship in Withleigh, Washfield, Templeton, Stoodleigh, Rackenford, Oakford, Loxbeare, Cruwys Morchard and Calverleigh.

26. For the Exeter Network Church Mission Community and their leaders Jon and Jo Soper.

27. For the Five Alive East Devon Mission Community, their readers Gill Heighway and Anna Crabbe, and for all who live and worship in Yarcombe, Stockland, Shute, Kilmington and Dalwood.

28. For the Five Red Churches Mission Community, their priest John Williams, and for all who live and worship in Powderham, Kenton with Mamhead, Kenn and Exminster.

29. This day is marked as the International Day of Dance. Dancing is a powerful universal language that can bring people together. The Bible says, "Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with tambourine and harp. For the Lord takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with victory." Psalm 149 3-4. We thank you, Lord, for the gift of dance.

30. In our link with the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, we pray for all those who are part of the hospital visiting group. We thank you for its expansion to other hospitals to care for expats. Please also pray that the Pastoral group will strengthen and develop its outreach to those in need.

# Amen.

**DIOCESE  
OF EXETER**

**THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND  
IN DEVON**



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# APRIL PRAYERS

***As we celebrate Easter, we thank you Lord for the promise of the empty tomb. As the coronavirus restrictions continue to lift, we look forward to light at the end of the tunnel. We remember everyone who is grieving or facing uncertainty and financial worries and pray you will comfort them.***

## Thursday 1st – Saturday 10th

**We pray for families and friends who have been separated by coronavirus. We thank you that two families or a group of friends can now meet outside. We pray you will bless reunions and get together over the Easter holiday and keep people safe. Please be with those who are lonely and help us to be mindful of them.**

1. This Maundy Thursday we pray for all our clergy and licensed lay ministers as they renew their ordination vows during the online Chrism Eucharist service. Thank you for their ministry.

2. On Good Friday we remember the pain and suffering of the cross and pray for people we know who are suffering now.

3. We thank you that the tomb was not the end of the story and pray for people we know who have not yet heard the good news.

4. On Easter morning we thank you Lord that you died to bring us life. May we live our lives to the full and help others to flourish.

5. 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.

6. We pray for the chaplaincy teams in our schools and universities.

7. In our link diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux, we pray for young people preparing for confirmation and taking trips to Taize. We pray for the clergy and communities in the area of Bretteville-sur-Laize.

8. For the Crediton Mission Community, their clergy Matthew Tregenza and Paul Fillery (as he moves to a new post), readers Carol Price and Sandra Collier, and for all who live and worship in Shobrooke, Sandford with Upton Hellions and Crediton.

9. For the Cullompton Mission Community, their clergy Edward Hobbs, Olly Mears, reader Simon Friend, and for all who live and worship in Cullompton.

10. On National Siblings' Day we thank you for the gift of brothers and sisters. "Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness." John 2:9.

## Sunday 11th – Saturday 17th

**For Parkinson's Awareness Week we pray for all those who live with the disease and for the friends and families who share their pain and suffering. We pray that this week will be successful in spreading understanding and increasing support for the research and resources which improve the lives of those affected by Parkinson's.**

11. In our link with the Diocese of Thika in Kenya, we pray for peace and fair governance in Kenya. For all those working to encourage tolerance and understanding between different factions. We pray for progress in tackling corruption at all levels and for the Hesabika Trust, which is calling on Christians to stand up and be counted in all sectors of society.

12. For the Culm Valley Mission Community, their clergy Simon Talbot, Michelle Parton, Gudrun Thomas, readers Chris Russell, Katharyn Mumby, readers Chris Russell and Katharyn Mumby, and for all who live and worship in Willand, Uffculme and Kentisbeare.

13. For the Dart and Avon Mission Community, their clergy Tom Benson, Gina Radford, Laura McAdam, reader David Harwood, and for all who live and worship in Staverton with Landscope, South Brent, Rattery, Littlehempston, Dean Prior and Buckfastleigh.

14. This day marks the Sinhala and Tamil New Year, the Bengali New Year and the Khmer New Year. We pray for all our brothers and sisters in Devon who celebrate this occasion that it will be filled with light, happiness and new beginnings.

15. For the Dartmouth & Dittisham Mission Community, their priest Andrew Langley, and for all who live and worship in Dittisham and Dartmouth Saint Clement Townstal.

16. For the Dawlish Coast Mission Community, their clergy Dallas Ayling, Richard Allen and Tim Collins, and for all who live and worship in Starcross, Dawlish with Holcombe and Cofton.

17. For the Devonport Mission Community, their clergy Tim Buckley, Sue Nicholas, Ruth Sayers, readers John Wright and Lynda Buckley, and for all who live and worship in Devonport St Aubyn, Devonport Saint Michael and Saint Barnabas.

## Sunday 18th – Saturday 24th

**In World Immunisation Week, we thank you for the different coronavirus vaccines and the amazing scientists from around the world who worked together to develop them. We pray for the continuing mass vaccination programme to go smoothly. We remember the aid charities working to make sure people in developing countries have access to the vaccine.**

18. For the Dunkeswell Mission Community, their clergy Janes Penn and John Hayhoe, and for all who live and worship in Upottery, Sheldon, Plymtree, Luppitt, Dunkeswell and Broadhembury.

19. We pray for all the school governors that they be guided as to how best to carry out their duties at this difficult time for schools, teachers, staff and pupils. We pray that the Be A Governor scheme is fruitful and thank you for all those who volunteer to be a school governor.

20. For all who live and worship in Whipton Saint Boniface and Saint Mark Exeter and their clergy Tanya Hockley-Still, John Byatt and Tatty Wilson.

21. For the Edgemoor Mission Community, their clergy David Baker, Alison Rogers, Alastair Forman, Penny Lawson, reader Richard Holloway, and for all who live

and worship in West Anstey, Rose Ash, North Molton with Twitchen, Molland, Mariansleigh, Knowstone, High Bray, East Anstey, Charles and Bishopsnympton.

22. For the Elburton Mission Community, their priest James Croucher and reader Linda Dodwell, and for all who live and worship in Elburton.

23. On St George's day please give us the bravery to stand up for what we believe and the grace and understanding to appreciate different viewpoints. We pray for everyone doing the Living in Love and Faith course at the moment.

24. In our link with the Diocese of Melanesia, we pray for the ministry of the Melanesian Brotherhood. Today we remember the seven martyred Brothers who gave their lives building peace in the Solomon Islands on this day in 2003.

*Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die." John 11:25*