

CHURCH OF ENGLAND DEVON

Prayers

At the start of this New Year hold in prayer all those who you know have had a difficult last year and ask God to be especially close to them this coming year.

Mon1st – Sat 6th January

1. On New Year's Day we pray: Shine your light in us, through us, over us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes. Set your way before us. May we reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing.
2. For the parishes of Saint Boniface and Saint Philip, their priest Mike Doyle, Readers Elizabeth Dickens, Martin Clements and for all who live and worship in Saint Philip, Weston Mill, Saint Boniface and Devonport. Pray also for Stephen Beach the Vicar of St Budeaux and for all who love and worship there.
3. In our link with Thika we are asked to pray for Rev Ven Solomon Thiga and the clergy and people of Juja Archdeaconry. Our linked parishes of Juja and Kenyatta Road where rapid growth in construction/population and church attendance is a big challenge.
4. For the Saint James Mission Community, their clergy Henry Pryse, Andrew Down and for all who live and worship in Saint James.
5. For the Saint Jude Mission Community, their clergy Tim Smith, Kimberley Lovell, Reader Jackie Yates and for all who live and worship in Saint Jude Plymouth.
6. At Epiphany we pray: O God, who by a star guided the wise men to the worship of your Son, we pray you to lead to yourself the wise and great of every land, that unto you every knee may bow, and every thought be brought into captivity. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. (The Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East)

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lam. 3:22-23



Sun 7th – Sat 13th January

This week pray for our families and homes: Bless, O Lord, our households and families, and allow all of us who live in those homes to find in it a shelter of peace and health. Inspire each of us to develop our individual talents and to contribute wisdom and good works for the benefit of the whole family.

7. As we celebrate Jesus' baptism we pray: Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
8. For the Saint Leonard Mission Community, their clergy Simon Austen, Chris Keane and for all who live and worship in Saint Leonard with Holy Trinity.
9. For the Saint Matthias Mission Community, their clergy John Beckett, Stephen Yates, Paul Barton, Readers Stephen Vans-Colina, Ruth Beckett and for all who live and worship in Saint Matthias, Saint Mark and Holy Trinity.
10. For the Saint Michael and Saint Barnabas Mission Community, their clergy Tim Buckley, readers Lynda Buckley, John Wright and for all who live and worship in Devonport Saint Michael and Saint Barnabas.
11. Please pray for all those attending and leading safeguarding training today in Barnstaple, and tomorrow in Exeter, 17th in Plymouth, 23rd in Torbay, 24th in Plymouth and 30th in Torbay.
12. In our link with the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf we pray for St Christopher's and St Paul's Cathedrals, their people, their deans, their canons and their clergy.
13. For the Saint Pancras Mission Community, their clergy Jon Marlow, Phillip Baul, Reader Paul Lumb and for all who live and worship in Saint Pancras Pennycross.

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Sun 14th – Sat 20th January

This week as we begin the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we pray that we may truly live in unity with all our ecumenical partners in Christ, in order to better reveal the inclusive love of Jesus for all people.

14. For the Saint Peter and the Holy Apostles Mission Community, their priest David Way and for all who live and worship in Plymouth St Peter and the Holy Apostles.
15. Pray for our Higher Education chaplains and particularly Elma Rushie and team working at West Buckland School, Barnstaple.
16. For the Saint David Mission Community in Exeter, their clergy Nigel Guthrie being licensed today, Christopher Durrant, Readers Bill Pattinson, Howard Friend and for all who live and worship in Saint David.
17. For the Sampford Peverell Mission Community, their priest Glyn Lewry, Readers Julia Barrett, Mandy Lewry and for all who live and worship in Uplowman, Sampford Peverell, Holcombe Rogus, Hockworthy, Halberton with Ash Thomas and Burlescombe.
18. As the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins with the theme of 'That All May be Free' with resources produced in the Caribbean, we pray: Barrier-breaking God, You embrace all cultures and lands, but keep a special place in your heart for the stranger, the widow and the orphan. Grant us the gift of your Spirit that we may become as You are, welcoming all as brothers and sisters, your cherished children, citizens together in Christ's kingdom of justice and peace. (ctbi.org.uk)
19. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux in France we are asked to pray for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and for all ecumenical prayer meetings in Normandy. For those involved in an exchange of preachers.
20. Pray for members of Bishop's Diocesan Council meeting today in Exeter as they discuss the life of our diocese and work to fulfil God's will for it.



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Sun 21st – Sat 27th January

This week we pray for all those who are cold or hungry. This week why not chat to a Big Issue vendor and support their work to improve their life through the social enterprise.

21. For the Seaton and Beer Coastal Mission Community, their priest Jeremy Trew and for all who live and worship in Seaton and Beer.
22. Pray for our bishops Robert, Nick and Sarah and for all those other South West bishops meeting together in Exeter today.
23. Pray for all our hospital chaplains and in particular for the work of Andy Barton, Palliative Care and Oncology Chaplain, based in the department of Pastoral and Spiritual Care at Plymouth Hospital.
24. For the Shaldon Mission Community, their priest Annie Church, Reader Hugh McCormick and for all who live and worship in Stokeinteignhead, Shaldon, Haccombe and Combeinteignhead.
25. For the Shirwell Mission Community, their clergy Rosie Austin, Martin Tyrrell and for all who live and worship in Stoke Rivers, Shirwell, Loxhore, Kentisbury, East Down with Arlington, Challacombe and Bratton Fleming.
26. In our link with Melanesia we hold in our prayers the Anglican Province of Melanesia which was inaugurated in 1975 on this day. Please pray for all the staff, ordained and laity who work for the Anglican Church of Melanesia. We also give thanks for those who work at the church's printing press and bookshop, and all those who work in the church's shipyard and on the floating church the Southern Cross ship.
27. For the Sid Valley Mission Community, their clergy Philip Bourne, Susie Williams, David Caporn, Annita Denny, Readers John Dunster, Carolyn Croft, Carole Hawkins, Elizabeth Harris and for all who live and worship in Woolbrook, Sidmouth, Sidbury with Sidford, Salcombe Regis and All Saints Sidmouth.

Sun 28th – Wed 31st January

28. On Homeless Sunday, as churches and others join together to pray, reflect and plan practical action on homelessness, we pray for a united Christian voice to offer solidarity and to be a prophetic voice for change.
29. For the Silverton Mission Community, their clergy Alan MacDonald, Catherine Jenkins, Thom Thompson and for all who live and worship in Silverton, Cadeleigh, Butterleigh and Bickleigh.
30. For the South Dartmoor Mission Community, their clergy Chris Osborne, Reader Tricia Stringer and for all who live and worship in Sparkwell, Ivybridge, Harford and Cornwood.
31. For the South Molton Mission Community, their clergy Michael Grandey, David Coleman, Lynn Flatt, Bryant Sanders, Christopher Pouncey, Reader John Cundill and for all who live and worship in Warkleigh with Satterleigh, South Molton with Nymet Saint George, Kingsnympton, Filleigh, Chittlehampton with Umberleigh and Chittlehamholt.

