

Prayers

Tues 1st – Sat 5th December

As the Climate Change Summit in Paris begins, pray this week for all countries involved as they aim to reach agreement to keep global warming below 2°C. www.cop21.gouv.fr/en

1. On World Aids Day, as we remember those living with HIV at this time we pray that trusting in God's steadfast love we may be united in working to conquer disease and fear. Amen (www.worldaidsday.org)
2. In our link with the Diocese of Thika in Kenya pray for the Mothers' Union, a real driving force in the Church: for Rev Eunice the Coordinator, Rev Cecilia her assistant and all the members and the leaders in every parish.
3. We pray for Christianity Deanery, Rural Dean Robin Eastoe, Lay Chair David Smith, Secretary Harriet Faith and Treasurer Andrew Withers.
4. Remember all attending Safeguarding Training today in Barnstaple and later this month in Abbotsbury. Pray for the trainers Sarah Miller and Christine Hindle.
5. For everyone taking part in today's solidarity pilgrimage from Exeter to Dawlish, as the Climate Change Summit in Paris reaches its half-way point.

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Sun 6th – Sat 12th December

This week, as we mark World Human Rights Day, pray for equality, freedom, justice and peace for all.

6. The Tavy Mission Community, their clergy Chris Hardwick, Sean Brassil, John Higman, Michael Loader, David Coleman, their Readers, Wendy Roderick, Sue Tucker, Christopher Pancheri, Sally Pancheri and Hazel Butland and all those who live and worship in Whitchurch, Tavistock, Peter Tavy, Mary Tavy, Gulworthy, Brent Tor and Christ Church.
7. For the Teign Valley and Haldon Hill Mission Community, their priest Graham Mayer and for all who live and worship in Dunsford, Dunchideock, Doddiscombsleigh, Christow, Bridford and Ashton.
8. The Villages (N Devon) Mission Community, their clergy Iain Robertson, and for the communities at West Down, Marwood and Heanton Punchardon.
9. On World Human Rights Day pray that each person should have their rights respected; that each of us should yearn for equality, freedom, justice and peace for all.
10. For the Archdeacon of Barnstaple Mark Butchers and his secretary Jacqueline Ward.
11. As we remember our link with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux in France, pray for an increase in the religious life and to ordained ministry in both our dioceses.
12. Pray for all those working with young people at this time: that they may be able to share the Christmas story in schools and through events such as Christingle services.

Sun 13th – Sat 19th December

In the light of the desperate situation for many who travel to Europe looking for safety and stability for their families, this week pray for all migrants and refugees.

13. The collect for the third Sunday of Advent: *'O God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: gives us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen'*
14. Pray for the Three Rivers Mission Community, their priest Caroline Luff, the Reader David Stafford and all who live and worship in Ugborough, Moreleigh, Harbertonford, Harberton, Halwell, Ermington and Diptford with North Huish.
15. For the Tiverton Mission Community, their clergy Robert Gordon, David Lyddon, Simon Durrant and Steph Jeffs; for the Reader Tim Bradshaw and for all those who live and worship in the town and in Chevithorne with Cove.
16. Pray for all those working in the diocesan office at The Old Deanery and in particular for the work of Sara Ashton, the Office Services Manager and Executive Assistant.
17. In our link with Melanesia we pray for the four religious orders in Melanesia – The Society of Saint Francis, The Community of the Sisters of the Church, The Melanesian Brotherhood and for the Community of the Sisters of Melanesia, as they go on their Christmas missions across Melanesia. 'Lord watch over all those who travel by sea during the Christmas break.'
18. South Molton Deanery, the Rural Dean Adrian Wells, the Lay Chair, Secretary and Treasurer Sandra Andrews.
19. On International Migrants Day pray for all those who flee their homes in search of safety and security for them and their families. Pray that they may experience tolerance and respect. Pray for their safety and a better future.

Sun 20th – Sat 26th December

This week as we celebrate Christmas pray for the light of God's love to shine into people's hearts: That they may catch a glimpse of Jesus, God Incarnate, and be changed.

20. Remember the Topsham Mission Community, and pray for their clergy Louise Grace, Juliet Horwood and Mike Williams and for all those who live and worship in Topsham and Wear.
21. The Torquay West Mission Community, their clergy Chas Deacon, Harry Jevons, Paula Mayer, Paul Evans, Readers Alan Martin, Jeff Hacon and Jonathan Drummond-Smith and for all in their communities of Shiphay Collaton, Torre, Cockington and Torquay.
22. The Torridge Mission Community, their clergy Martin Warren, Suzanna Metz, Julie Cartwright, and their Readers Sheila Deane, and John Berry and for all who live and worship in Buckland Filleigh, Huish, Langtree, Merton, Newton St Petrock, Petersmarland, Petrockstowe, Shebbear and Sheepwash.
23. Hold in prayer our link Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf. Pray for the work of the diocesan office, for Georgia, Anetta, Savvas and Evangelia as they serve the life of the whole diocese.
24. On Christmas Eve we pray: *'O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son, Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him, when he shall come to be our judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.'*
25. On this Christmas Day we pray that the celebration of Jesus' birth will remind us of the central truth of 'the word becoming flesh and dwelling among us' (John 1.14).
26. On this feast day of St Stephen we thank God for the life of this saint who organized meals to feed the poor. 'Help us, Lord, to follow his example to care for all in need.'



CHURCH OF ENGLAND DEVON PRAYERS

Sun 27th – Thurs 31st December

This week pray for a spirit of hope to flood our land and our world as we anticipate a New Year ahead.

27. On this first Sunday of Christmas we pray: 'God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel our Lord Jesus Christ.'
28. On this Feast of the Holy Innocents pray for God's blessing on all children known to you.
29. Pray for the Torridge 6 Ecumenical Mission Community, their clergy Susan Oldham and Tony Connell, for their Reader Karen Wainwright and the communities of Dolton, Dowland, Iddesleigh and Monkokehampton.
30. Totnes Mission Community, their clergy Julian Ould, Deborah Parsons, Angela Sumner, Reader Elizabeth Waterson and all who live and worship in Marldon, Ashprington, Cornworthy, Stoke Gabriel, Berry Pomeroy, Dartington and Totnes with Bridgetown.
31. On New Year's Eve we pray that in the year to come we can be better at sharing the hope of our hearts with one another and for God to enable us to give hope to others through His work amongst us. Amen

“While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.”

LUKE 2:6-7

