

Prayers DEVON

"Therefore the LORD himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."

Isaiah 7:14

Sunday 1st – Saturday 7th December

This week as we begin Advent, pray for the Church as she prepares to celebrate the coming of Christ and pray for all those whose lives are affected by Aids. In the UK over 100,000 people live with HIV and globally over 36 million have the virus. Help make a change by buying a red ribbon.

1. On World Aids Day, with the theme 'Communities Make the Difference', pray that all communities, whether at international, national or local levels, would work to ensure that all those affected get the help and support they need.
2. For the Otter Vale Mission Community, their clergy Steve Weston, Mark Ward, David Carrington, Readers Alan Steel, Ann Yates, David Williamson, John White, Caroline Poultney and for all who live and worship in West Hill, Saint Michael, Tipton St John with Venn Ottery, Payhembury, Ottery St Mary, Newton Poppleford, Harpford, Feniton, Escot, Colaton Raleigh and Alfington.
3. For the Our Lady and All the Saints North Torquay Mission Community, their clergy Gorran Chapman, Paul Jones, Robert Ward, John Lee, Reader Pamela Macey and for all who live and worship in Torquay St John, Torquay Saint Martin Barton, Saint Marychurch and Babbacombe.
4. Pray for the work of all our school, college and university chaplains and all those whom offer pastoral support to schools. Pray for Gordon Snook and team at City College in Plymouth.
5. In our link with Melanesia we pray for the safe travel of people as many return to their home islands for the Advent season. And for the four Anglican religious orders out on mission around the province: O Jesus, Be the canoe that holds me up in the sea of life; Be the rudder that keeps me in the straight road; Be the outrigger that supports me in times of temptation. Let your Spirit be my sail that carries me through each day. Keep my body strong so I can paddle steadfastly on in the voyage of life. Amen.
6. For the Our Lady of Glastonbury Mission Community, their priest David Bailey and for all who live and worship in Saint Aidan Ernesettle, Saint Chad Whitleigh and Saint Francis Honicknowle.
7. For the Paignton Mission Community, their clergy Roger Carlton, Jeffrey Hill and for all who live and worship in Paignton.

Sunday 8th – Saturday 14th December

This week as we mark UN Human rights Day, pray for a just world where all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.

8. For the Christ Church and St Paul's Mission Community, their priest John Pout and for all who live and worship in Paignton St Paul Preston and Paignton Christ Church.
9. In our link with Thika we are asked to pray for the Archdeaconry of Makongeni, Archdeacon Solomon Kamungura, the clergy and people. For our linked parishes of Happy Valley and Makongeni. We also give thanks for Leah who has developed a youth version of 'Umoja' Church and Community Development in that area.
10. On UN Human Rights Day we pray: Help us remember that you have created each and every person with dignity and worth. In all that we do, help us treat one another with the respect and honour due to each person.
11. For St Matthias Plymouth, their clergy Olly Ryder, Reuben Crossley and for all who live and worship there.
12. Pray for all diocesan staff as they join together for a carol service today. We thank God for all they do to support the mission of our Diocese of Exeter.
13. For the Emmanuel with St Paul's Mission Community, their clergy Karl Freeman, Tony Williams, Darryl Cree, Beverley Cree, Reader Timothy Lyddon and for all who live and worship in Plymouth Emmanuel with St Paul Efford and St Augustine.
14. For the Plympton Mission Community, their clergy Robert Harris, William Sweeney, Sarah Sharland, Richard Wakerell, Reader Robert Harrison and for all who live and worship in Plympton St Maurice and Plympton St Mary.

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Sunday 15th – Saturday 21st December

This week bring to God all families who are anxious about the Christmas school holidays. Think of families who you know who are in need. Invite them to Christingles or other events where they can relax and enjoy the festivities.

15. For the Plymstock and Hooe Mission Community, their clergy David Appleby, Jennie Appleby, Carl Budden, Reader Graham Dee and for all who live and worship in Plymstock and Hooe.
16. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux in France, we pray for all clergy and their communities; for an increase in vocations to the religious life and to ordained ministry. For parishes, their clergy and people in the area of Vire.
17. For the Raleigh Mission Community, their clergy Martin Jacques, Karen Young and for all who live and worship in Otterton, East Budleigh with Bicton and Budleigh Salterton.
18. For the Saint Andrew & Saint Paul Mission Community, their clergy Joe Dent, Leon Sim, Tim Partridge, Reader David Huntley and for all who live and worship in Saint Paul Stonehouse and Saint Andrew Plymouth.
19. For the Saint Bartholomew and Saint Mark Ford Mission Community, their clergy Richard Silk and for all who live and worship in Devonport Saint Bartholomew and Saint Mark Ford.
20. For the Saint Boniface, Saint Budeaux and Saint Philip Mission Community, their clergy Stephen Beach, Michael Doyle, Readers Joanna Bound, Elizabeth Dickens, Martin Clement and for all who live and worship in Saint Philip, Weston Mill, Saint Budeaux, Saint Boniface and Devonport.
21. As schools break up for the Christmas holidays, we give thanks for all those who work in our schools and pray that they will have a relaxing break. We also pray for families for whom Christmas is a difficult time.



Sunday 22nd – Tuesday 31st December

This week as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, God with us, Immanuel, we give thanks for the gift of His son. Jesus Christ is the light of the world and the darkness can never overcome it.

22. For the Saint David Mission Community, their clergy Nigel Guthrie, Alison Whiting, Readers Charlotte Townsend, Bill Pattinson, Howard Friend and for all who live and worship in Saint David.
23. For the Saint James Mission Community, their clergy Henry Pryse, Martin Poolton and for all who live and worship in Saint James.
24. Pray for all our hospital chaplains and in particular for co-ordinating chaplain Martin Manley and team chaplains Angela Sumner and Sally White at Torbay Hospital. Pray for all those in hospital over the Christmas period.
25. On Christmas Day as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we pray that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds and the worship of the wise men on this day of great joy.
26. For the Saint Jude Mission Community, their clergy Tim Smith, Kimberley Lovell, Readers Jackie Yates, Peter Hadden and for all who live and worship in Saint Jude Plymouth.
27. In our link with the Diocese of Cyprus and Gulf we pray for the Church of St Nicholas in Fujairah. The community is small but gather in a beautiful Emirate where they enjoy the company of others, the sea and mountains – all of God's creation.
28. 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.
29. For the Saint Matthias Mission Community, their clergy John Beckett, Paul Barton, Stephen Yates, Readers Stephen Vans-Colina, Ruth Beckett and for all who live and worship in Saint Matthias, Saint Mark and Holy Trinity.
30. For the Saint Pancras Mission Community, their clergy Lawrence Braschi, Church Army Captain Phillip Baul, Reader Paul Lumb and for all who live and worship in Saint Pancras Pennycross.
31. On New Year's Eve, as we prepare to enter a new year, we take time to reflect on the past year and ask God to show us what we should be focussing on in the year ahead, knowing we go forward in the strength of our faith.

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