

# Prayers

1. Pray for Colin Butler Executive Head of the Otter Valley Federation and the staff in Tipton St John VA and Feniton VA primary schools
2. Today we pray for the work of the Diocesan Secretary Mark Beedell and all the staff in the Old Deanery.
3. From our link with the Diocese of Thika in Kenya we are asked to pray for Namrata Shah Children's Home. Pray for Josphat the manager and Mary the house mother and for the new intake of younger children who have come from desperate situations. Also pray for the older children in their studies and those who have gone to board at secondary schools.
4. We pray for the parish of Saint Boniface, Devonport, for their priest Alison Shaw and for all who live and worship there.
5. Please pray for Alphington Mission Community, clergy Stephen Bessent and Mark Nightingale, Reader Lesley Phillips-Cannon and for all those in the communities at Alphington, Ide and Shillingford St George.
6. Pray for Ashburton & Moorland Mission Community, clergy David Sherwood and Geoffrey Fenton, Readers Peter Kennett, Keith Miller and Marion Kaye and for all who live and worship in Ashburton with Buckland in the Moor and Bickington, Holne, Leusdon and Widecombe in the Moor.

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> – Sat 6<sup>th</sup> February

This week pray that we may embrace our Lentern opportunities and as Lent is nearly upon us prepare for a springtime of the soul asking God to deepen our relationship with Himself and each other.



## Sun 7<sup>th</sup> – Sat 13<sup>th</sup> February

During this Marriage Week pray for those you know who are finding married life hard, give thanks for those whose love and commitment in their marriage encourages others and pray for all who are renewing their vows in special events and services.

7. On Poverty Action Sunday pray: *Creator God, you made this good earth and gave us enough that all could delight in bread and wine, milk and honey, story and song. As Jesus sat by lakeside and table and shared bread, and said that his body was broken for all, he showed us a glimpse of your Kingdom. Inspire us with a vision of a society beyond the scandal of poverty where bread is the birthright of all your children. Give us hearts that yearn for it, voices to call for it, strong hands to build it together.* ([www.church-poverty.org.uk](http://www.church-poverty.org.uk))
8. Pray for the Lead Chaplain Dr Simon Harrison at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital and all his team including Juliet Horwood, Sheila Swarbrick and Celia Fox.
9. On this Shrove Tuesday pray for Pancake Parties and events organised to help churches reach out to their communities.
10. On this Ash Wednesday and first day of Lent we pray: *Holy God, our lives are laid open before you; rescue us from the chaos of sin and through the death of your Son bring us healing and make us whole in Jesus Christ our Lord.*
11. We give thanks for our links with Melanesia and we pray for the Council of Bishops there who are meeting now to elect their new Archbishop and Bishop of Central Melanesia. We recall and give thanks that on in this month 155 years ago, John Coleridge Patteson from the Diocese of Exeter was consecrated as the first Bishop of Melanesia.
12. For the Archdeacon of Plymouth Ian Chandler.
13. Pray for Barnstaple Deanery, especially the Rural Dean Giles King-Smith, Lay Chair Marguerite Shapland and Treasurer Paul Cooper.

*Cast all your  
anxieties on him,  
because he cares  
for you.* 1 PETER 5:7

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## Sun 14<sup>th</sup> – Sat 20<sup>th</sup> February

In this week we pray for God to help us fix our eyes on Him. 'Father God, help us draw near to you during this time of Lent.'

14. On St Valentine's Day we pray: *God of wonder and of joy: grace comes from you, and you alone are the source of life and love. Without you, we cannot please you; without your love, our deeds are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, that we may worship you now with thankful hearts and serve you always with willing minds; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
15. Hold in prayer the discussions taking place until Friday this week at General Synod. Pray for open hearts and minds and wise decisions to be made.
16. For Axe Valley Mission Community, priest Geoffrey Walsh, Readers Tony Nixon and Su Clark and for the communities at Axminster, All Saints, Chardstock St Andrew, Combpyne with Rousdon and Membury.
17. Pray for Barnstaple Mission Community, clergy David Fletcher, Simon May, Guy Chave-Cox, Nigel Dilkes, Marion Sanders, Andy Dodwell and Shirley Anne Paterson and for all who live and worship in Barnstaple Holy Trinity, Barnstaple St Peter & St Mary Magdalene, Goodleigh, Sticklepath with Roundswell, Bishops Tawton, Newport and Pilton with Ashford.
18. Please pray for the Beacon Parishes Mission Community, priest Peter Ashman, Reader Tessa Amies and for all in the communities at Broadhempston with Woodland, Ipplepen with Torbryan and Denbury.
19. For Bideford Mission Community, clergy Claire Rose-Casemore, Gwen Smith, Steve Hunt, Alan Glover, Maddy Bray and David Carrington, Readers Sarah Cordingley and Peter Hooper and for all who live and worship in Bideford, Landcross, Littleham, Monkleigh and Weare Giffard.
20. Pray for the Bovey Valley Mission Community, clergy Graham Hamilton, David Harris, Simon Franklin, Greg Stanton, Becky Totterdell and Christopher Murphy, Readers Veronica Dell, Joyce Stanton and Lionel Holmes and for all living in Bovey Tracey St John with Heathfield, Bovey Tracey St Peter, St Paul & St Thomas of Canterbury, Hennock, Ilsington, Lustleigh, Manaton, Moretonhampstead and North Bovey.



# CHURCH OF ENGLAND DEVON PRAYERS

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> – Sat 27<sup>th</sup> February

This week pray for the sick, those in hospital and those who face a New Year without those they love.

21. In our link with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux in France, we are asked to pray for the Centre of Theological Studies in Caen and its development of theological learning among clergy and lay people.
22. Please pray for Braunton Mission Community, priest Anne Thorne, Reader David Rushworth and all living in Braunton.
23. Pray for Brixham Mission Community, clergy Ian Blyde, John Gay, Angela Sumner, Readers Susan Shaw, Wendy Emlyn and for all who live and worship in Brixham St Mary, Churston Ferrers, Kingswear and Lower Brixham, All Saints.
24. Hold in prayer our link Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf. Pray for the Cathedrals of St Paul in Nicosia and St Christopher in Bahrain. That they may be reminders of the unity of the diocese around the bishop.
25. Pray for the Central Exeter Mission Community, priest Sheila Swarbrick and for all who live and worship in central Exeter.
26. Please pray for Chudleigh Mission Community, clergy Paul Wimsett and Martin Fletcher, Readers Arnold Cade, Sheila Fletcher, Fiona Wimsett, Helen Harding and for all living in Chudleigh Knighton, Chudleigh and Trusham.
27. Pray for Churches 4 All Mission Community; clergy Chris Martin and Sheila Walker and for all living and worshipping in Clyst St Lawrence, Talaton, Whimble and Clyst Hydon.

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> – Mon 29<sup>th</sup> February

28. Please pray for Paul Walker, the Executive Headteacher of the Two Valleys Federation of Schools and staff and children at Sidmouth VA Primary School, Musbury Community School and Hawkchurch VA Primary School).
29. As Fairtrade Fortnight begins we pray:  
*Christ Jesus, we long for your justice. We long for the poor to be released from poverty. We long for the oppressed to be freed from fear and exploitation. We long to uphold the cause of the weak. We long for your Kingdom to come. Amen*  
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