

CHURCH OF ENGLAND DEVON

Fri 1st – Sat 9th January

As the New Year begins take a moment to thank God for last year, to ask for forgiveness where we have failed, and dedicate this New Year to Him - to serve Him and love Him afresh.

Prayers

1. On New Year's Day we pray: Lord, You make all things new. You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our Spirits to be born again. Thank you for this new year, for all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise Your glorious name. Amen (www.lords-prayer-words.com)
2. Today we pray for the work of the diocesan Church Buildings Team, for Louise Bartlett, Senior Church Buildings Adviser and DAC Secretary and for Eve Van der Steen, Church Buildings Adviser and CBSC Secretary.
3. In our link with the Diocese of Thika in Kenya we are asked to pray for the facilitators from 13 churches that have completed further training in the Umoja (Church & Community Transformation) programme. Pray that these churches may keep the fire of inspiration as they study God's word and apply it to their situations. Already there have been amazing results as lives and churches are transformed.
4. We pray for Plymouth City Deanery, Rural Dean Karl Freeman, Lay Chair Anneliese Barrell and Secretary Julian Payne.
5. Please pray for Trinity Mission Community in Exeter; for their leader, Jonny Elvin, for all those who live there and the congregations who meet at Clyst Heath Community Nursery and Community Primary School and Newcourt Community Centre.
6. The Collect for Epiphany: Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
7. Please pray for Two Rivers Mission Community; for the clergy, Mike Clark and Katie Cross; Readers Jacque Ward, Carol Wyatt, David Halpin and all people in the communities of Tawstock, Atherington, High Bickington, Beaford, Roborough, St Giles in the Wood, Alverdiscott, Horwood, Huntshaw, Newton Tracey and Yarnscombe.
8. For Unlimited Church Mission Community in Exeter, and for their priest, James Grier.
9. Please pray for Uplyme and Axmouth Mission Community; for their priest, Kate Woolven; Readers Roger Grose, Hilary Harron and for all who live and worship in Axmouth and Uplyme.



Sun 10th – Sat 16th January

This week hold in prayer all those Church leaders attending the Anglican Primates meeting in Canterbury, asking God for the Holy Spirit to guide this meeting and the discussions to be held.

10. On Plough Sunday we pray: Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen
11. For the Archdeacon of Exeter Christopher Fitcher and his Personal Assistant Peter Colebrook.
12. In our link with Melanesia we are asked to pray for the Rt Rev Nathan Tome who is representing the Province of Melanesia at the Primates meeting in Canterbury and to pray for Bishop Nathan's Diocese of Guadalcanal, the newest diocese in Melanesia.
13. Pray for the Upper Culm Mission Community; for their priest, David Burton; Reader Katharine Simson and for all in the communities of Culmstock, Clayhidon and Hemyock with Culm Davy.
14. For Honiton Deanery, the Rural Dean Jeremy Trew, Lay Chair Robin Hodges, Secretary Tracey Voysey and Treasurer Simon Byworth.
15. Pray for Devonport St Bartholomew and St Mark Ford Benefice in Plymouth, for their Readers George Davies and Catherine Davies and for all who live and worship there.
16. Pray for the young people in our schools as they settle back into academic life following the Christmas holidays: that in the busyness of their studies they may still find time to reflect on their spirituality.

To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfil every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power. 2 THESSALONIANS 1:11

Sun 17th – Sat 23rd January

In this week of Prayer for Christian Unity we pray: Holy Spirit, Spirit of joy and peace, heal the divisions caused by our misuse of power and money and reconcile us across different cultures and languages. Unite us as God's children. (www.ctbi.org.uk)

17. Please pray for West Dartmoor Mission Community; for the clergy, Nick Shutt, Patrick Parkes and Gary Shirley; Reader Kerry Elson and the communities of Horrbridge, Sampford Spiney, Meavy, Sheepstor, Walkhampton and Yelverton.
18. For West Exe Mission Community; for their priests, Jerry Bird, Nick Edwards, Anne Dunlop, Charles Keay and William Sweeney; Reader Philip Baker and all those who live and worship in Exwick, Emmanuel, St Andrew's and St Thomas the Apostle, Exeter.
19. In our link with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux in France, we are asked to pray for them in this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. For all ecumenical prayer meetings in Normandy and for those involved in an exchange of preachers.
20. Pray for Whiddon Mission Community; for the clergy, Paul Seaton-Burn, Harriet Every, Rita Bullworthy, Readers Elva Hodgson and Jill Hobbs and for all in the communities of Chagford, Gidleigh, Throwleigh, Drewsteignton, Hittisleigh, Bondleigh, Honeychurch, North Tawton, Sampford Courtenay, South Tawton and Spreyton.
21. For White Cross Mission Community; their clergy Karen Spray, Christopher Cant and for all who live and worship in Aylesbeare, Farringdon, Clyst St George, Clyst St Mary, Woodbury Salterton and Woodbury with Exton.
22. Hold in prayer our link Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf. Pray for their licensed Readers, that as public lay ministers they may share fully in proclaiming the gospel.
23. Pray for everyone attending Bishop's Diocesan Council – for a good meeting with positive outcomes that will bring light and life to the diocese.



CHURCH OF ENGLAND DEVON PRAYERS

Sun 24th – Sun 31st January

This week pray for work of the Mothers Union as they celebrate their 140th anniversary this year. We thank God for their work in the UK, in our companion links and around the world.

24. On Homeless Sunday we pray: Loving God, in your house there is room for everyone. Help us to strive for a world where everyone has a home that truly meets their needs. Give us the grace to welcome strangers and refugees. Give us the insight to see where inequality hurts. Fill us with courage to do our part. Save us from being overwhelmed by the scale of the housing crisis and show us, O Lord, where to begin. Amen (www.homeless-sunday.uk)
25. Pray for Winkleigh Mission Community; for the clergy Peter Norman and Clive Jobbins and all who live and worship in Ashreigney, Broadwoodkelly, Brushford and Winkleigh.
26. Please pray for Withycombe Raleigh Mission Community; their clergy Robert Sellers and Stephen Hoyle and for all who live in Withycombe Raleigh.
27. On Holocaust Memorial Day we remember the millions who were murdered and pray that in remembering those who died in this and all other genocides we may challenge hatred and persecution wherever it is today. Amen
28. Please pray for Yealm and Erme Mission Community; for their priest Anne Legge, and all who live and worship in Holbeton, Newton Ferrers and Revelstoke.
29. Pray for Yealmside Mission Community; for Owen Murphy the priest, and for the communities of Wembury, Brixton and Yealmpton.
30. Pray today for the Abbotskerswell Mission Community; for their priest, John Leonard; Readers Tim Collins, Ruth Bettsworth, Ian Firth and for all who live and worship in Coffinswell, Kingskerswell and Abbotskerswell.

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